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Dear Kinsmen:

Although the information I present to you today may seem rather meager, it is the result of many hours of work during hot summer vacation weeks over a period of years. Scores of wills and marriage records have been searched, countless boxes of un-indexed court minutes and estate settlements have been read, hundreds of land records have been compared, and thousands of questions have been asked! Burned records and the constant repetition of Christian names among the many branches of Stevens families in Virginia and North Carolina made the task an exceedingly difficult one. It was only after tracing out several false clues that I was able to prove our Edward Stevens. I hope that some of you will take up the work and verify the tradition that our Stevens family came to Virginia in the 1620's.

I had already begun compilation of my records for my own family when I met Mrs. Mabel Hall McDaniel in the summer of 1955. A descendant of Bartley Stevens, she was so interested in my records that we decided to make a book of the descendants of both Isaac and Bartley Stevens. We are grateful to you who responded to our requests for family records and pictures. That each of you may find something of interest and of value in the book is the sincere wish of

Elizabeth Ann Wright

If any one reading these records can
give us any other data or find connections
please send them to the above address
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PREFACE

David Leroy Corbitt of Raleigh tells us in his book on the formation of North Carolina Counties that the first permanent settlement in North Carolina was made in the territory around Albemarle Sound and the rivers which empty into it by Virginians who came seeking rich fertile bottom lands. The exact date of the first settlement is not certain, but it was in 1622 that John Pory, secretary of Virginia, explored lands along Chowan River and made the first report on a journey there. Edward Bland, a Virginia merchant, led an exploring and trading expedition into the territory. About the same time Roger Green of Nansemond explored the region south of the Chowan and these reports led to colonization and by 1663 the settlements had attracted attention in England. In that year Charles II issued a charter to the eight Lords Proprietors, thus creating Carolina.

Only one county was permanently organized - Albemarle - but it was divided into four precincts. By 1696 the settlements had spread to the south until it was necessary to erect Bath County, and in 1705 it was divided into three precincts which later became Hyde, Craven, and Beaufort Counties. In 1722 Carteret and Bertie were formed.

Until 1722 Precinct Courts had been kept and held at private houses, but in that year it was enacted that the courthouse for Chowan Precinct should be erected at Edenton, for Perquimans at Jonathan Felp's Point, for Currituck on land of William Peyner of Willima Parker, for Hyde and Beaufort at Bath, for Carteret at Beaufort Town, and for Bertie at some convenient place at Ahotskey.

When one understands a little of the genesis of the counties, one realizes that one's ancestors did not move as often as the records seem to indicate. A man and his sons may have been listed in several different counties during their lifetimes but the land was all the same. Bertie was formed from Chowan in 1722; Tyrrell from Chowan, Bertie, Currituck, and Pasquotank in 1729; Edgecombe in 1741 from Bertie; Halifax from Edgecombe in 1758; and so on.

Records were not always carefully kept, and fire and vermin took their toll of some, but the North Carolina State Department of Archives and History has done a wonderful job in collecting all the extant records the counties would give up. Before that task was begun, however, Mr. J.R.B. Hathaway of Edenton began publishing the NORTH CAROLINA HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL REGISTER in which he copied county records. If he had not died so soon, descendants of early North Carolinians would have been able to locate all their records in this little magazine.

An interesting discussion of Albemarle County is found on pages 307-310 in Volume I of the REGISTER:

Albemarle, being the first settled, was the first organized county in North Carolina. The date of its incorporation is not definitely known, probably by the legislature which met in 1666. It existed as early as 1670, as clearly shown by the court records of that day... ..

It was first composed of the Precincts of Carteret, Berkley, and Shaftesbury, the first named covering the territory now occupied by the counties of Currituck, Pasquotank, and Camden....Shaftesbury, later known as Chowan Precinct, embraced a large area of territory, corresponding to the present counties of

Chowan, Gates, Hertford, Northampton, Bertie, Washington, Tyrrell, and Martin. In 1722 Bertie was erected into a separate Precinct, taking all territory west of the Chowan River under its jurisdiction, which extended as far as Anglo-Saxon had penetrated the wilderness.....

It is hard to realize, in this progressive age, the serious inconveniences, privations, and hardships that environed the early settlers of Carolina in every department of life. The country was sparsely settled, neighbors were frequently miles away. Without roads or public conveyances they were forced to make their journeys on foot or horseback along Indian paths or trails, with the savage and wild beast roaming at will, the dense forests surrounding them on every side. The Port of Roanoke (Edenton) was the metropolis, and many of those having business, public or private, were compelled to travel thither as indicated from sixty to seventy-five miles, and frequently had to cross the Albemarle Sound in an "Indian Dugout" to reach their courts, or to procure such articles as had been imported into the Colony that were necessary for the maintenance of their families and promotive of their business.....

Tobacco and pork, in the absence of money (which seems to have been but little used in business transactions) were the legal tenders of the country. The judgments of the Courts were given payable in so many pounds or barrels of either of these commodities.....

Marriages were frequent among the early settlers; the men married as soon as they reached manhood, and the girls at fourteen and fifteen years of age. It was unsafe for females to be left alone, on account of the country being filled with savages and wild beasts. A male protector was an absolute necessity for their safety. For this reason we frequently find widows marrying within a few weeks or months after the death of their husbands, their newly acquired mate joining with the widow in the administration of her deceased husband's estate. In our age this would appear very hasty and would be considered in bad taste; but the circumstances in that day necessitated speedy marriages, and the gentlemen and ladies easily and gracefully adopted and appropriated the necessities of the occasion. We find many "much married" persons among the early settlers. We find ladies who had been married four and five times, and gentlemen who had been so unfortunate as to lose as many wives. Divorces were unknown; death alone dissolved the marriage tie.....

Our dead are greater and more truly alive than we are !
When we forget them, it is our whole fortune that we lose sight of; and when we fail in respect to them, it is our own immortal soul that we are tramping under our feet.

-- Maurice Maeterlinck

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... [P]aid by the Treasurer to the Comptroller July 1790.

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
1690 Edw. Stephen	£ 1.10.0	0.12.7
John Whitaker Sheriff of Halifax		

From: North Carolina Revolutionary Army Accounts
Volume VII, page 97, folio 2

Raleigh, _____ July 13 1955
Christopher Crittenden *W.C.C.* Director

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Philip Raiford Sheriff of Johnston		

From: North Carolina Revolutionary Army Accounts
Volume VII, page 88, folio 1

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I have of William Storm Administrator of Edward
 Storm, Alward the sum of Sixty pounds nine Shillings
 and four pence in full for the sum paid by me as
 one of the Executors of Edward Storm. Said bills have
 been payable to Joseph Cushman. And on which
 there was a judgment obtained in the Court of Superior
 County. See the accompanying transcript and Certificate
 to the undersigned that the said sum includes the cost
 of the above suit as being as the principal

Joseph Cushman
 Clerk

Wm. Bart

July 20th 1795

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Joseph Cushman
 July 20th 1795

Ordered that William Storm be appointed Guardian
 to Isaac Storm Orphan of Edward Storm dec^d who came
 into Court and entered into bond with David Bell his
 Security in the sum of one Thousand pounds

Ordered that Mary Storm be appointed Guardian
 to Hebe Storm and Buckley Storm Orphan of
 of Edward Storm dec^d who came into Court and entered
 into bond with Thomas Leach and David Mappin for
 Security in the sum of Two Thousand pounds

Last Will and Testament of Mary Stephens
dec.

State of N^o Carolina Wake County. I Mary
Stephens of the said State and County of
said being in a very low State of Health
but in perfect Sense and memory, and
think properly to distribute what prop-
erty I have in the following manner
I give and bequeath unto my Son
for Rebecca Stevens One Negro Man by
the name of Benjamin and all my wearing
apparel; the Ballance of my Estate to be

32 Sold and from the Proceeds of the same
I wish all my Debts to be paid and
the Ballance thereof to be equally divided
between my two youngest Children to
wit Rebecca Stevens and Bartlett
Stevens; I do hereby appoint Gerard
Banks and Lucy Massey Executors
to this my Last Will and Testament.
In Testimony thereof I have hereunto
set my hand and Seal this 29th July

1797
Signed & acknowledged Mary Stephens
in the presence of
Jacob White (Juror)
J. Banks
Abram Hogins

Wake County. A. D. 1797
The within Will was duly
proved in open Court by the Oath of Jacob
White a Witness thereto and ordered to be
Recorded— Nath. Lane C. C.

Recorded in the Clerks Office in the
County of Wake, in Book E and page (31)
the 29th day of January 1798
Nath. Lane C. C.

DESCENDANTS OF EDWARD STEVENS

Family tradition says that our Stevens family came to Virginia in the early 1620's, but so far no definite proof has been found to connect our branch with those early colonists. The incessant repetition of names in the many families of Stevenses throughout Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia makes necessary a detailed study of all types of all available records before this may be learned.

Be that as it may, our Edward Stevens was in Halifax County, North Carolina by 1761. In 1775 Edward Stevens and wife Mary sold land to Charles Daniel that had been patented to Stevens by Tatum in 1761 (Halifax Deed Book 16, page 519). This plot consisted of three hundred acres. In 1777 they sold one hundred acres to Isaac Harris (Ibid, p. 516). In 1780 they sold two hundred acres to Giles Long - land Edward had bought from Thomas Hargrove in 1778 (Deed Book 14, pp. 142, 441). There are other real estate transactions, with and without Mary's signature, and the name Edward is spelled Edward and Edmond indiscriminately. His name appears on Halifax tax rolls through 1783. In 1784 the name appears on Johnston County tax lists although it is on deed records prior to that date. He is listed in the 1790 census of Johnston County - with the number of children and slaves that we know ours had - and is the only Edward or Edmond in the county at that time.

Edward Stevens died in Johnston County in 1792 and Mary, his wife, sued for administration of his estate since he left no will. The court appointed Mary and William Stevens as administrators on November 27, 1792, and they entered into bond with Thomas Leach and Hardy Landers their securities in the sum of ten thousand pounds. The first inventory was returned October 12, 1793.

Edmond Stevens, orphan of Edward Stevens, dec'd., being of proper age, came into court and chose for his guardian James Stevens, who entered into bond in the sum of one thousand pounds with Jno. Carrell and Wm. Blunt his securities. William Stevens was appointed guardian to Isaac Stevens, and Mary Stevens to Rebecca and Bartlett (Johnston Co. Court Minutes, 1784-1793, Part II, p. 35. Feb. 26, 1793).

When the Court granted permission for the personal property to be sold, the nine negroes of Edward Stevens were sold thus: to Mary Stevens, Ben and Dinah; to Isham Stevens, Lewis; to William Stevens, Peter; to James Stevens, George, Doll, and Abram; to Mary Stevens, Hasty and Anarchy.

Payment of various items give further proof that James and William were sons of Edward Stevens. And the payment of a claim against Edward Stevens for his share as co-signer of a note in Halifax County further proves that Edward of Johnston and Edward of Halifax were one and the same. - It is interesting to note, too, that the Stevens family and the Burt family had transacted business together since the early 1740's.

The Stevens property was in the extreme northwest corner of Johnston County and extended into Wake County and that part which later became Harnett County. Mary Steven's will was probated in Wake County in 1797. When the executors she named did not qualify, her son James was appointed executor of the will and guardian to Bartley.

Although family stories prove that Edward Stevens was a soldier of the Revolution, no proof of service has been found in the North Carolina Archives. Two pay vouchers issued to him do not say why he was paid but entitle him to recognition as a patriot -and his descendants to membership in DAR and SAR.

WILLIAM, JAMES, EDMOND, ISAAC, REBECCA, and BARTLEY were the children named in the settlements of the estates of Edward and Mary Stevens.

In 1787 WILLIAM STEVENS married Charlotte Collins. I do not have the date of his death, but Charlotte Stevens's will, probated 1823-24, names son ALVIN, daughters GILLANY (sic), CHARLOTTE, and NANCY, dec'd husband William, son WILLIAM, and son BART L.

I have no trace of JAMES or REBECCA. EDMOND moved to Georgia and died there.

ISAAC STEVENS was born about 1779, according to census records. I found no proof of any property being turned over to him by his guardian, but the first land purchase recorded in his name in Johnston County is dated 1800 and the description of the property puts it next his own land.

One story that my grandfather used to tell was that his grandfather whipped the bully of North Carolina. The man was always bragging and boasting about his strength. One day Isaac got too much of it, pulled the man off his horse, and whipped him ! Sure enough, Wake County Court Minutes show that Isaac Stevens had to pay a big fine for assault and battery on the person of a Mr. Green. Later Green paid a fine for fighting Isaac !

In 1802 Isaac Stevens married Leathy Womack and probably moved within a short time to Georgia. Whether he was the Isaac in early Burke County records I do not know, but he appears on the 1820 census of Wilkinson County and owned land in the 4th district. In 1846 he deeded one entire lot and part of another to Isaac, Jr.; in 1852 one plot was deeded to James. I do not have the date of Isaac's deed to William, but William sold it to Jonathan Rivers in 1856 before he moved to Texas.

Isaac Stevens died about 1853 because July 21, 1853 is the date of the first voucher listed in the account filed March 10, 1855 by James and Isaac Stevens, executors of the estate of Isaac Stevens, dec'd. (Returns - 1853-1858; p.308) In 1856 the following instrument was filed:

Georgia, Wilkinson County

This agreement made and entered into this first day of January in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty six between James Stevens & Isaac Stevens Executors on the estate of Isaac Stevens late of this County deceased & William Stevens & Sarah Hoover Legatees & heirs of said Estate agree that said James Stevens & Isaac Stevens executors as aforesaid shall sell all the property belonging to said Estate & also agree to allow James Stevens one hundred dollars for taking care of our mother before she died and the commission on said Estate. Given under our hands and seals the day and date written above.

James Stevens (LS)

Isaac Stevens (LS)

Wm. Stevens (LS)

Sarah X Hoover (LS)

by John X Hoover

STATE OF NORTH-CAROLINA, }
Wake County. }

Know all Men by these Presents, that we *Isaac*
Stephens and Cadet Collins ———
are held and firmly bound unto *Benjamin Williams* ———
Esquire, Governor, &c. or his Successors in Office,
in the full Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, Current Money, to be paid to the said
Governor, his Successors, or Assigns, for the which Payment well and truly to be
made and done, we bind ourselves, our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators,
jointly and severally, firmly by these Presents, sealed with our Seals, and dated
this *Twelfth* Day of *June* Anno Domini *1807*

THE Condition of the above Obligation is such, that whereas the above
bounden *Isaac Stephens* hath made Application for a Licence for a Mar-
riage to be celebrated between him and *Sarah Wrenn* of the County afore-
said: Now, in Case it shall not appear hereafter, that there is any lawful Cause or
Impediment to obstruct the said Marriage, then the above Obligation to be void ;
otherwise to remain in full Force and Virtue.

Signed, sealed and delivered, }
in the Presence of

Isaac Stephens

Cadet Collins

SARAH STEVENS HOOVER

In 1820 Isaac Stevens and Leathy had two daughters. I do not know what became of one, but on February 22, 1822 Sarah Stevens married Joel Hoover. In 1848 Isaac Stevens was made guardian for John and Leatha Hoover, orphans of Joel Hoover, while James Stevens was appointed guardian for Samuel, Sarah, and Elizabeth Hoover. Henry was of age.

HENRY HOOVER married Mary Bloodworth November 27, 1853. In 1880 their children were listed in the census as: James, Jr.- 25; Letha -20; Isaac -18; Mary-13; Georgia -10; Henry-8; and John-3.

JOHN HOOVER married Rebecca Wall November 16, 1856. In 1880 a daughter, Susannah, age 21, was living with them.

SAMUEL B. HOOVER and wife Mary had no one living with them in 1880.

ELIZABETH HOOVER married Dier Wall November 12, 1857. He had died before 1880 as Rufus J. Wall -age 15, and her sister LEATHA HOOVER were living with her when the census was taken in 1880.

JAMES STEVENS

JAMES STEVENS who married Eliza Mackey on October 15, 1835 seems to have been the son of Isaac and Leathy Stevens. The 1850 census gives his age as 37 and hers as 34. Their children were: SINAI, REBECCA AND LEATHY (twins), LOUIZA, ISAAC, WILLIAM, LOUISIANA, and JOSEPH.

ISAAO STEVENS

ISAAC STEVENS was born about 1821 in Wilkinson County Georgia and married Eliza Stubbs September 7, 1845. She was born in 1825, daughter of Benjamin and Fannie (Parker) Stubbs. Eliza died in 1860 and Isaac about 1895. The markers in the old family cemetery have crumbled so that the inscriptions cannot be read. Their children were : JAMES BENJAMIN, FRANCES, MARTHA, MATILDA, AMELIA, JOHN THOMAS, and ROBERT.

JAMES was born July 26, 1846. On October 31, 1871 he married Susan Brewer, who was born April 28, 1850 to Daniel and Martha (Gainey) Brewer. James was a supervisor on C. of Ge. R.R.. He was also in the grocery business in Macon and at one time was connected with the city police department. He and his wife were members of the Methodist church. He was a city alderman and a member of the Masonic order. He died March 12, 1923. Susan died December 26, 1930. Both are buried in Riverside Cemetery, Macon. Children of James and Susan Stevens were: Mattie, William, and Ione.

Mattie Stevens was born in Wilkinson County. She never married, and died in Macon December 26, 1945 and is buried in Riverside Cemetery.

William Oscar Stevens was born January 27, 1875. He married Ethel Hathaway of Montezuma, Georgia, May 7, 1902. He was a pharmacist and operated his own drug store in Macon until his retirement. They were members of First Street Methodist Church where Mrs. Stevens was organist for many years. He was also a Mason. William O. died January 29, 1952 and is buried in Riverside Cemetery. Mrs. Stevens teaches music in her home at 831 Orange Terrace, Macon.

William and Ethel Stevens had one daughter, Ethel Adele, who married William T. Reeder of Philadelphia, Pa. Their daughter was named Nancy. Ethel Adele died in Sumter, S.C. and was brought back to Macon for burial in Riverside cemetery.

Ione Stevens, born December 30, 1883, was connected with Reis and Armstrong, Jewelers for more than twenty years. Ione is a very civic-minded person and has taken part in many worthwhile projects in Macon. She worked with the YWCA and choral groups. She was an active member of the First Street Methodist and a member of the choir. Both Ione and Will gave generously of their time and talent to sing together for church functions in and around Macon. Too, Ione was "on call" for both mortuaries of Macon and would leave her work any-time she was needed to sing at funerals - without any monetary compensation, of course. She never married, but lived in the family home at 759 First Street for fifty years. In 1955 the city purchased the ground, in connection with the building of a new eleven million dollar hospital, and Ione moved the house to the old home place of her mother a few miles from Gordon on Route # 2.

FRANCES STEVENS was born about 1848. She first married a Mr. Carr, a Primitive Baptist preacher. Her second marriage was to Newton Parker of Wilkinson County. She had no children of her own but her step-children were: Respross Carr and Coy, Avy, and Glenn Parker. Frances died about 1925 and Newton Parker died about 1929. Both are buried in Mt. Nebo Church Cemetery in Wilkinson.

MARTHA STEVENS (born ca. 1850) and MATILDA STEVENS (born ca. 1852) both died young.

AMELIA A. STEVENS was born November 25, 1856. She married Adolphus Collins who was born February 13, 1852. She died February 15, 1905 and he on July 4, 1906. They are buried in Nunn & Wheeler Cemetery, Wilkinson County. Their children were: J. Bartley, Sidney, Ailey, Ben, Will, Bob, Ray.

James Bartley was born April 12, 1880 and died June 24, 1900, killed by a run-away horse.

Sidney Collins married Cordie Hopkins. They have one son, Ray, and live in Atlanta, Georgia.

Ailey Collins was born November 14, 1881 and married John E. Jackson. She died June 12, 1945 and is buried in Nunn & Wheeler Cemetery. Children of Ailey (Collins) and John Jackson were: Ruth, Johnnie, Texie, and Parker. Ruth Jackson married Jack Marshall from Atlanta, lives at Warner Robins, Georgia, and has two children, Billy and Ann. Johnnie Jackson married James Edward Smith from Sandersville, and they live in Milledgeville. They have one child, Charlotte. Texie Jackson married Woodrow Johnson and has no children. Parker Jackson is not married but lives in Milledgeville.

Ben Collins was killed in World War I.

Will Collins was born 1889 and married Mattie Watkins, daughter of H.T. and Elizabeth Dover Watkins of Bartow County. Will died January 20, 1953 and is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Macon. They had no children.

Robert Emmett was born February 14, 1887. On July 7, 1907 he married Maggie Durden who was teaching in Wilkinson County. Born January 12, 1888 in Baldwin

County, she was the daughter of Margaret McMillan and W.A. Durden. Robert Emmett Collins was a carman with C. of G._a. RR for forty-six years. Both he and his wife were members of Baptist Tabernacle in Macon. He died March 1, 1953 and is buried in Macon Memorial Park. Mrs. Collins lives at 914 Spring Street Macon. They had two daughters, Ruby and June. Ruby was born April 8, 1910 and married Vernon Woodward of Douglas September 6, 1935. They live in Atlanta and have no children. June was born June 8, 1915. She first married Robert D. Reams of Florida. Her second husband is Robert McDonough from New York. They have no children and live in Miami, Florida.

Ray Collins is not married. He is employed at Mercer University in Macon.

JOHN THOMAS STEVENS was born June 4, 1859. He was married first to Mollie Deason on February 7, 1898. She was born June 14, 1880, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Deason of Wilkinson County. They had three children, Isaac Wiley, Martha, and John Thomas, Jr. Mollie Deason Stevens died December 18, 1918 and is buried in McIntyre Baptist Church Cemetery. John Thomas Stevens's second marriage was to Mrs. Leah Dixon Deason. She died September 6, 1930 at the age of seventy-six. He died March 6, 1936. They are buried in McIntyre Baptist Church Cemetery. John Thomas operated a grocery store in McIntyre.

Isaac Wiley Stevens was born January 2, 1899 and died October 17, 1926.

John Thomas, Jr. was born August 31, 1905 in Wilkinson County. On February 1, 1929 he married Ruby Bennett who was born February 13, 1910 to M.C. and Ammie Smith Bennett of Macon. They have an adopted son Harold Edward Thompson, born December 26, 1931, who married Mary Ann Camerio of Macon June 10, 1951. They have a daughter Teresa, born June 17, 1952. They live at Lizella, Ga. John Thomas (J.T.) is in the restaurant business in Macon and lives at 1208 Buena Vista Avenue.

ROBERT LEE STEVENS was born April 29, 1868 in Wilkinson. He married Ellen Harville whose birthdate was November 4, 1875. He died December 5, 1899 and is buried in the Stevens family cemetery in Wilkinson County. She died in Macon December 30, 1923 and is buried in Riverside Cemetery. They had two children, Robert Lee, Jr. and Ethel.

Ethel Stevens, born near Coopers, Georgia November 19, 1896, lives in Detroit, Michigan.

Robert Lee Stevens married first Berta Bishop of Barnesville on November 4, 1919. She was born February 12, 1901. They had two children, Robert Lee and Ellen. Berta died November 30, 1941 and is buried in Riverside Cemetery. Bob has married a second time. Robert Lee III married Ann Chancellor and they have a son Robert Lee. They live in Macon where Robert Lee is associated with his father in the Bob Stevens Garage. Ellen married Rodney Blalock of North Georgia. They have four children - Rodney, Jr., Dana, Diana, and Michael, and live in Albany.

Wilkinson County Estate Returns- 1838-1850- page 528

Received February 9, 1847 of William Parker Execr. on estate of Benjamin Stubbs eighty-four dollars sixty-six cents in full of my wife Eliza part of said estate.

Signed- Isaac Stevens, Jr.

WILLIAM STEVENS

WILLIAM STEVENS, son of Isaac and Leathy Womack Stevens, was born January 14, 1807. About 1837 he married Sarah Nesbit, daughter of Alexander and Olive (Brewer) Nesbit. Their children were MINERVA ELINOR, ALLETHIA JANE, ALEXANDER, MISSOURI OLIVE, NETTIE, SUSAN, AND WILLIAM MOSES. About 1855 Sarah Stevens went to Texas to visit her brother and liked it so well she never went home. She sent word to William to sell out and join her. They bought land not very far from Butler in Freestone County and lived there until their deaths. William Stevens died July 30, 1872. Sarah Nesbit Stevens, born January 24, 1822, died July 29, 1887. Both are buried in the Mays Cemetery east of Butler. Their graves are marked by very nice stones and the family plot is enclosed by an iron fence.

MINERVA ELINOR STEVENS married W.R. Cole and had several children. All died young except Thomas Alec who died a few years ago near Bedford, Texas, leaving his wife, Trudy Cheek Cole and one daughter, Alma Cole Stark.

ALLETHIA JANE STEVENS died in 1882.

Nettie married George W. Powell. They had one daughter who married first a Mr. Evans and had a daughter Nettie who married a Mr. Smith. The second husband was a Mr. Owens. They had two sons and a daughter. The daughter married a Mr. Babb and lived in Amarillo, Texas.

SUSAN STEVENS married a Mr. Woods, a Baptist preacher with a number of children, after her mother died. She had no children of her own.

ALEXANDER joined the Confederate Army and died of fever before reaching the battle-field.

WILLIAM MOSES STEVENS was born in Wilkinson County, Georgia April 17, 1849. He grew up near Butler, Texas, living the life of the youngest of a well-to-do farmer, with four adoring sisters and a brother eight years older than he to spoil him! (Missouri Olive had died on November 26, 1859.) He met Martha Ann Manning at a picnic when she came to Butler to visit her uncle Hillary Manning and fell in love with her at first sight. On December 29, 1874 they were married in Falls County and returned to Freestone to live. For awhile he owned a store at Keechi. When the doctors ordered him to Galveston for a year he left the store in charge of a trusted friend. When he returned, about all that was left was the big door key that Aunt Beth still has! The "friend" had sold the stock and had skipped out!

The next few years were spent on the old plantation. Aunt Beth remembers sitting on the side of a little hill one day, watching her father plow. A rider dashed up to the fence, called Grandpa to the fence, talked for a minute, and raced away. Grandpa ran to the plow, unhitched the horse, and hurried to the house as fast as he could go. He talked with Grandmother for a few seconds, saddled his pony, and rode toward town. Grandmother hurried around, putting up the plow horse, and doing all the chores in such a way that Aunt Beth thought she must have been provoked at having to do all the work. She called the children into the house and locked the doors. Just before supper time, William returned and laid guns and ammunition on the table, saying, "The merchants opened their stores to us!" Usually the children had to go to bed very early, but this night they had pallets made in front of the fire-place. The day had



SARAH NESBIT STEVENS



ALLETHIA JANE STEVENS



SUSAN STEVENS WOODS,
WILLIAM M. STEVENS, KATE STEVENS COLE



UNCLE WIGG FREEMAN



SUSAN NESBIT O'NEILL



WILLIAM MOSES STEVENS

As Isaac Stevens was riding past the slave market one day, a little colored boy ran out, grabbed him around the

knees, and begged him to buy him and his brother so they would not be separated. Isaac refused, saying that he did not deal in human flesh, but the child would not be put off. He pleaded so hard that Isaac said, "What would I do with you?" "I could ride behind you and hold your horse!" and that is what he did for many years. When William Stevens came to Texas, Uncle Wigg came with him. He was 104 years old when this picture was taken.



Top row:

Margaret Stevens; Elizabeth Stevens; Roy Stevens; Etta Wright; Louise Stevens

Middle:

Arthur Stevens; W. M. Stevens; Anne Lee Hooks; Mrs. W. M. Stevens; Orville & Marceille Stevens

Front:

Agnes Hooks; Allethia Hooks and Leila Hooks



Roy Stevens; Elizabeth Stevens; Orville Stevens; Etta Wright; Ernest Wright; Arthur Stevens
 Photographed 1955 - Fifty Years Later

been hot and sultry and suddenly - about ten o'clock - a terrific thunderstorm broke. Knowing that Grandmother did not like storms, Aunt Beth thought it queer when she jumped up and cried, "Thank God! We are saved! Children, get up and go to bed!"

The next morning when the darkies came up to work, they were all full of apologies, saying, "Marse Billy, we wouldn't have hurt you and Miss Mat! We would have taken care of you!" Others begged, "Please don't let 'em send us back to Liberia! We'd be eating each other in a few years just like the niggers did before they was brought to America!"

"I know what you were planning ! and you wouldn't have spared me and my family, but get on to your work and behave yourselves!" The negroes were treated from then on just as they always had been. -----

All this remained in Aunt Beth's mind and years later she asked Grandmother what it was all about. It seems that one old negro mammy in Palestine kept moaning and groaning so that her mistress asked her what was the matter. She just shook her head and cried. Finally the young woman could stand it no longer. Throwing her arms around the beloved old negro, she cried, "Auntie, what is bothering you? You know I'd give my life for you!" At this the old darky wailed louder than ever, "Oh, honey, that's jes what you're going to have to do!" and she told her mistress that a negro uprising was scheduled for that night. All the negroes from Houston to Dallas were to strike at a certain time, kill all the white men, and take the white women and children. The young Palestine woman ran to the station master and told the story. He sent messages out every where, riders were sent to the farmers throughout the country. But God sent such a storm over the entire section that no one could travel through the sloughs and mud. The raid was never attempted again. --Remember that this was long after the War !

William's health did not improve and fever and malaria were so prevalent the children were often sick. When a group of settlers planned to move to the Texas Panhandle, William and Martha decided to join them. The family spent several months at Ft. Jacksboro, where Wm. Stevens had a labor and a league of land, and then moved on to Vernon where they stayed for a year before going on to Old Clarendon. They traveled in a covered wagon and reached their new home just a short time after the Indians had been moved out ! Life on the Plains was not easy for a gentle little lady and an invalid husband, but they had all the courage of their forefathers and weathered the many hardships.

Not many years before his death Grandpa was rather startled when one of his friends said, " Stevens, you and McLean are the richest men in this town !"

" How can you say that when you know I am one of the poorest? "

" Both of you have reared six children and not one has ever done a single thing to shame you," was the reply.

The oldest of those six children of William and Martha Stevens is Allethia Jane, born Nov: 28, 1875. The others are: Sarah Elizabeth, Arthur Gray, Orville Karl, Etta Leila, and Roy Randolph.

William Moses Stevens was a deacon in the Baptist Church and a Mason- had been given his fifty-year pin several years before his death on December 7, 1925.

Martha Manning Stovens had died May 3, 1924.

Allethia Jane Stevens completed her public school work in Clarendon and then attended Fort Worth College and Denton Normal. She taught school in Clarendon before marrying Bentley Robert Hooks on February 28, 1900. Born October 6, 1866 he was the son of Thomas Arthur and Montie (Arnold) Hooks of Waco, Texas, and was a graduate of Tehuacana College. As a master carpenter he was called from one place to the other all over the state on big construction jobs but they had been living in Amarillo for several years when Mr. Hooks was killed. On December 24, 1938 he got off the bus, called a "Merry Christmas" to the other passengers, and was stepping onto the curb in front of his own house when a speeding, drunken driver struck him.

Allie Stevens Hooks was a member of the Pen Women's Club for many years. She was a regular contributor to the Amarillo papers and had many poems published. In 1955 her son-in-law had a volume of selected verse published in honor of her eightieth birthday. Just recently she received honorable mention in a short-story contest.

Four children were born to B.R. and Allethia Stevens Hooks but only three lived to be grown: Anne Lee, born September 20, 1902; Leila, born February 20, 1905; and Robert Stevens, born February 26, 1907; Agnes- b. 1901; d. 1906.

Anne Lee Hooks finished high school in Amarillo and then lived with her grandparents while attending Clarendon College. She taught in the Perryton schools and was teaching in Amarillo when she married Joseph Wesley Gordon December 20, 1926. Joe was born in Miami, Texas on October 22, 1902 to J.W. and Lucy Ella (Thompson) Gordon. Joe and Anne Lee wheat-farmed for a while and then went to Texas University for one year. The next year they went to Texas Tech where Joe received his BA degree and Anne Lee studied art and design. The next year they returned to Austin. Joe and his brother Bob took their law degrees and were admitted to the Texas Bar. They returned to Pampa and opened law offices and have been very successful. Both Anne Lee & Joe are active workers in the Methodist church. Joe belongs to Phi Beta Phi, Kiwanis, American and Texas Bar Associations, Knife and Fork Club, and the Boy Scout Council. Anne Lee belongs to 20th Century Club, Pampa Art Club, and DAR. They have two lovely adopted daughters. Martha, born September 23, 1939, is a talented singer but is majoring in languages. Sarah, born July 13, 1941, is active in all school functions and is a dancer.

Leila Elizabeth Hooks finished Amarillo High School and Clarendon College. She was a talented musician and had taught school for several years when she became ill and has been an invalid since.

Robert Stevens Hooks was educated in the Amarillo schools and began working with his father in the building trade. Since his father's death he has contracted on his own. On November 19, 1939 in Pampa, Texas he married Ruth F. Crawford, daughter of Claud Henry and Laura Adell Griffith Crawford. She was born October 31, 1908 in Canyon, Texas. Bob is a Baptist and Ruth is a member of the Church of Christ. When World War II broke out, Bob tried to enlist in the Sea Bees but was turned down because of age. He was later drafted into the navy and served in the Pacific as carpenter's mate on airplane carriers. He will not talk about it, but I know his ship was one of the first at Okinawa and he has five gold combat stars. Bob and Ruth are now living at 6201 Woodward, Amarillo, Texas.



ALLETHIA STEVENS HOOKS



ANNE LEE HOOKS GORDON



ELIZABETH STEVENS



LEILA, ANNE LEE, & ROBERT



LEILA HOOKS



AGNES & ANNE LEE



ROBERT STEVENS HOOKS



RUTH CRAWFORD HOOKS

Sarah Elizabeth Stevens was born July 7, 1878. As a member of the first graduating class in Clarendon she had studied many subjects that today are pure electives in college. She attended Teachers College in Whitesboro for one year and then took the state examinations for a teacher's certificate. She made the incredible grade of 100 on these exams and was granted the highest certificate awarded. She began her teaching career in Newlin, Texas in 1899, and went to Clarendon in 1905 where she continued until her retirement, having served at almost every level, from that of primary teacher to that of principal. During this time she spent most of her summers in taking special courses in summer normals at Texas University. During the winters she studied by correspondence from Columbia and elsewhere, taking those courses that were of special interest to her. When Texas school legislation was passed requiring new teachers and some of the older ones to have a degree, she refused to pick up any credits she might have, but entered Sul Ross as a freshman and graduated with high honors, having been elected to the honor fraternities of Alpha Chi and Kappa Delta Pi. She is a member of the First Baptist Church, a life member of T.S.T.A., Eastern Star for more than fifty years, and a DAR.

The life of Sarah Elizabeth Stevens has been one of devotion and sacrifice. Caring for her parents, helping a brother through college, and caring for and giving two nieces their junior college education was not easy with the salary paid by a small west Texas town. But that was not all. For example, one time she had asked her sister to help her pick a hat. When the time came, she had decided she did not need one. Pressed for a reason, she replied, "One of my poor little boys has been looking with longing eyes at the sweaters of the other boys. Yesterday he was wearing one, too. The look of joy on his face is worth much more to me than a new hat." One of the Board members, a banker, told me no one in town knew how much charity she has given. She has actually borrowed money at high interest, to buy food, blankets, and clothing which were sent to poor families anonymously. But these are material things. Another Board member summed it all up in the statement that Miss Stevens has done more for the boys and girls of Clarendon than all the preachers and missionaries. When she resigned from the schools the local paper carried the following:

MISS ELIZABETH STEVENS RESIGNS AFTER 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

Fifty years of service is a long time, or would be to most anyone except Miss Elizabeth Stevens as she stated this past week upon turning in her resignation, that she had enjoyed every minute she taught and it seemed only a very short time.

Miss Stevens was a member of the first graduating class in Clarendon. She took a year's work in an East Texas college and launched her teaching career in Childress County in 1899. She became a member of the Clarendon public school faculty in 1905 and has taught here since that time with the exception of one year when she moved to Dalhart and taught in 1911.

Miss Stevens can boast one accomplishment that very few can match. She has taught three generations of the same family in several instances. She was honored a few years ago when the school board re-named the South Ward building the Elizabeth Stevens Ward.....

Almost blind now, her happiest moments are when she receives a visit or a letter from one of her former pupils.

Arthur Gray Stevens was born February 17, 1880. Having inherited the adventurous spirit of his ancestors, when he was in his later teens, he and a friend traveled through the western states, working and paying their way as they went. Soon after returning home he met Margaret Scarborough, daughter of Thomas Jefferson and Frances Emily (Chambliss) Scarbrough and on January 2, 1903 they were married. Soon afterwards they moved to Dalhart and bought a home where Arthur still lives. One daughter, Marie Iola, was born to them on November 22, 1905. On January 10, 1919, after a lengthy illness Margaret died. She was only thirty-four and one-half years old, having been born June 2, 1884. About four years after Margaret's death Arthur married Mrs. Ola Scarbrough Johnson.

Too many friends have ruined the business of more than one man. Arthur Stevens had owned and operated a grocery store in Dalhart for many years and when the big depression came, he extended credit to his neighbors and the cattlemen. As things got worse, he asked them to forget the bills for awhile but to spend their cash with him. However, they went to the chain stores that could sell more cheaply than he. As a result he was forced to take voluntary bankruptcy. When the depression was over and Arthur tried to collect, he was told that those debts were outlawed by expiration of time! Arthur's popularity had been proved, however, when he was elected by an overwhelming majority of votes to a job which carried the responsibilities of City Secretary and Treasurer and Tax Assessor and Collector. He used his salary to pay every cent he owed his own creditors - although legally he owed nothing. He has never said very much about what is still owed him, but one day when his pastor chided him for going fishing sometimes instead of being in church, he said, " Brother _____, I can be a much better Christian when I am sitting in a boat on the lake than I can when I am sitting in church looking at all those people who owe me money." Another time when he had given only fifty dollars to the church building fund when certain others had given a total of six hundred dollars, he opened his books to the pastor and showed him where those very donors owed him more than that amount. " You can just consider that I have given six hundred and fifty dollars to the fund !"

After her mother's death Marie lived with her grandparents for several years in Clarendon but returned to Dalhart to complete her high school education. On January 23, 1926 she married Don Schoonmaker, son of Dale and Susie Schoonmaker. They owned and operated a large cattle ranch and were well on their way to fortune when drought and the depression wiped them out. During the War Marie worked for the 2nd Air Force as chief clerk of Supply and Transportation. She is now living in Amarillo where she is an accountant in the office of an orthopedic surgeon.

Donna Sue Schoonmaker, only child of Don and Marie Stevens Schoonmaker, was born May 24, 1936. She married Earl James Williamson and has two children: Steve Lance, born January 30, 1951, and Connie Lynn, born June 4, 1953. They live in Amarillo where Jack works for the city as operator of the Disposal Plant.

Orville Karl Stevens was born August 8, 1882. He attended the Clarendon public schools and on December 23, 1903, in Elida, New Mexico, he married Louise Wheeler. Born in Grapevine, Texas on April 6, 1885, she was the daughter of a Methodist minister and his wife, John P. and Fanny (Hudgins) Wheeler. They lived in Dalhart for awhile and then moved to Roswell, New Mexico where Orville has been a paint and paper contractor for many years, dealing in real



ARTHUR GRAY STEVENS



ARTHUR & MARGARET SCARBROUGH STEVENS



MARIE STEVENS



DONNA SUE SCHOONMAKER



ARTHUR GRAY STEVENS



MARIE STEVENS SCHOONMAKER



EARL JAMES WILLIAMSON



Donna Sue Schoonmaker Williamson



CONNIE LYNN WILLIAMSON



STEVE WILLIAMSON



ORVILLE & LOUISE STEVENS
PEGGY & MARCEILE



PEGGY & MARCEILE STEVENS



Richard	Mardene	Jimmie	Peggy Ann	Jennie Lou
		Hughes		

ORVILLE & LOUISE STEVENS
50th Wedding Anniversary





MARTHA ANN MANNING STEVENS
1875



ELIZABETH ANN WRIGHT



ELIZABETH ANN WRIGHT
Age 8 months



THOMAS ERNEST WRIGHT



ETTA LEILA STEVENS WRIGHT

estate on the side. Two children were born to Orville and Louise: Marceille in September, 1904, and Peggy on November 15, 1908. Orville retained his membership in the Baptist Church, but Louise was very active in the Methodist work. She was a member of the country club and of various civic and social organizations in Roswell. Soon after they had celebrated their golden wedding Louise passed away in her sleep.

Marceille Stevens is a graduate of the Roswell public schools. She married first Henry Puckett and worked in the court house in Roswell for many years. On August 15, 1947 she married J.T. Payne of Artesia, New Mexico.

Peggy Stevens was educated in the Roswell schools and on June 22, 1927 she and Henry J. Hughes were married in Carlsbad Caverns. Peggy died in Roswell October 8, 1950. Children born to Peggy and Henry Hughes are: Jennie Louise, born November 24, 1929; Richard Lee, born March 3, 1933; Mardine, born December 21, 1936; Peggy Ann, born May 9, 1938; and James Stevens, born July 2, 1928

James Stevens Hughes married Joan Hill, daughter of Ernest and Anna (Crump) Hill, on May 3, 1951. They have a daughter and twins, J.S. Jr, & Sandra Ann.

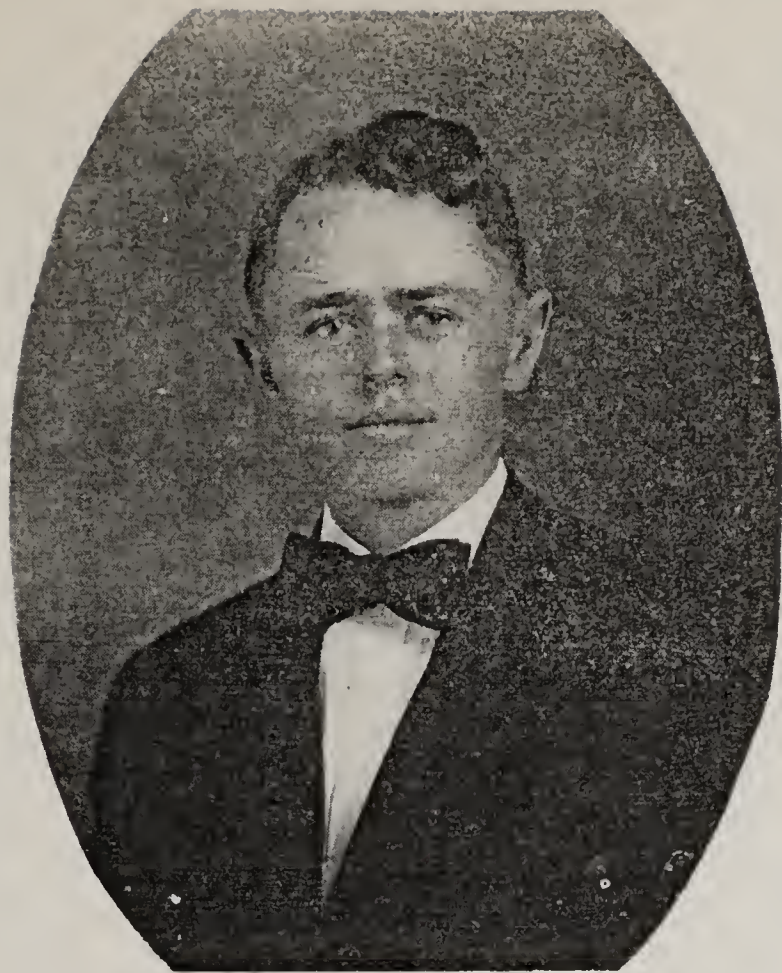
Jennie Lou Hughes married Dale Mays, son of Will and Nannie Bell (Powell) Mays, on September 29, 1947.

On July 2, 1954 Mardine Hughes married Carl Cooper.

Etta Leila Stevens was born February 6, 1885. She too was graduated from Clarendon High School and attended Clarendon College, majoring in art and elocution, before her marriage to Thomas Ernest Wright on January 18, 1905. The son of Laura Louise and James L. Wright, he was born in Comanche, Texas on October 23, 1880 and moved to Clarendon in 1901. He studied pharmacy under the direction of Dr. Stocking while working in the drug store and was registered with the Texas Board of Pharmacy in 1907. Etta and Ernest moved to Memphis, Texas in 1909 and lived there most of the time until 1923 when they moved to Fort Worth. They now live in Dallas. Ernest Wright retired from pharmacy work in 1953. Both are members of the Baptist church. While living in Memphis, Etta was an active member of Eastern Star and in Fort Worth she was a member of the Art Department of the University Place Study Club. Ernest is a member of the Texas Pharmaceutical Association and is a Mason, Knight Templar, and Shriner.

Elizabeth Ann Wright was born to Ernest and Etta Stevens Wright on March 27, 1906 in Clarendon, Texas. She graduated from Memphis High in 1923 as one of the three top-ranking students, and for two years attended Texas Woman's College where she studied violin with Dean Carl Venth and Wilda Dragoo and was a member of the Town Girls' Club, the Korosophean Society, and the orchestra. She transferred to Texas Christian University in her junior year and graduated in 1927, having majored in English and Education with a minor in Spanish. She was on the Dean's List and was a member of Bryson Club. She received her MA degree and principal's certificate in 1943, with majors in secondary education and administration.

As one of the three graduates recommended by the University to the Ft. Worth Board of Education, Elizabeth began teaching in Ft. Worth in 1927. In 1936 she went to Dallas and has been a member of the Alex W. Spence Junior High School faculty for the past sixteen years. During this time she has served twice as chairman of the English Section of District V, TSTA, and as state



ROY RANDOLPH STEVENS



ETHEL MARGARET STEVENS



WAYNE MANNING STEVENS



ROY R. STEVENS, JR.



SHIRLEY STEVENS



SHIRLEY STEVENS CROSS & SHARON ELIZABETH

The next transfer was to Air Force, Communications officer. He was promoted to captain and attended AF Tactical Air Communications School in Orlando, Florida in May and June of 1945. From July 1945 to December 1945 he served as Post Communications officer at Greenwood Air Force Base, Greenwood, Mississippi, and received his discharge January 1, 1946. Michigan Bell Telephone granted Roy leave of absence to obtain his B.S degree in Electrical Engineering from Wayne University. Since then his work has included membership on the technical staff of Bell Telephone Laboratories, Development Work on the Mobile Radio, operational and maintenance methods on television and microwave radio. After working and studying in practically every phase of the work and receiving one promotion after the other, on May 1, 1956 Roy was made District Plant Superintendent of the Grand Valley District of Michigan Bell Telephone Company Communications with headquarters in Grand Rapids. He is a member of the American Radio Relay League and a senior member of the Institute of Radio Engineers.

On February 19, 1944 in Detroit Roy Stevens and Marcellus DeLores Burris were married. She is the daughter of Cass A. and Viola (De Roeck) Burris and was born in Lexington, Kentucky on February 2, 1923. She had completed three and one-half years work toward her R.N. degree before her marriage and is a member of Alumnae of Providence Hospital School of Nursing. Both she and Roy are members of the Roman Catholic Church. They have four children living: Kenneth Allen, born August 16, 1947; Mary Ann, born August 18, 1951; Patricia Agnes, born May 1, 1953; and Donald Anthony, born May 26, 1955. Paul Andrew was born March 23, 1950 and died November 13, 1951. The family is now living at 1915 Lotus SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Shirley Elizabeth Stevens, also a graduate of Cooley High School, married Harry Austin Cross on October 1, 1949 in Detroit. He was born September 24, 1924 in Hanover, Ontario, and is the son of William John and Mildred (Jackson) Cross. He was educated in the Hanover schools and served in the R.C.A.F. from February 22, 1943 to March 23, 1946 but was stationed in Canada the entire time. Harry and Shirley live in Hanover where he is an electrical contractor. Harry belongs to the Kinsmen Club, Odd Fellows, and the Lawn Bowling Club. Shirley is a member of the Kinette Club and of the Lawn Bowling Club. Both are members of the Trinity United Church. They have two children: Sharon Elizabeth, born February 4, 1954 and

Wayne Manning Stevens was a member of the National Honor Society and graduated from Cooley High Magna Cum Laude. He took his B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from Texas A & M in 1950, a member of Tau Beta Pi, a Distinguished Student, and a Distinguished Military Graduate. Wayne entered the service as Second Lieutenant in June 1950 and served in Korea from August 1950 to November 1951. He was promoted to First Lieutenant in January 1951 and to Captain on July 1, 1954. His decorations include the National Defense Medal, Korean Campaign Ribbon with six battle stars, and the United Nations Ribbon. He is now with the 541 Eng. Detachment (Terrain) in France, A.P.O. 58, N.Y.

On May 28, 1955 in Chatham, Ontario Wayne married Mary Elizabeth Kyle. She was born in Petersborough, Ontario, Canada on August 7, 1931 to Norval Webster and Hazel W. (Sharpe) Kyle and was educated at Clinton College, Clinton, Ontario.

DEED

W.M. STEVENS ET AL

TO

SARAH STEVENS

THE STATE OF TEXAS)

COUNTY OF FREESTONE)

) Know all men by these presents, that we the children of Wm. Stevens deceased, W.M. Stevens, Susan S. Stevens, Alethia J. Stevens, Nettie M. Powell & G.W. Powell, and Manervia E. Cole & W.R. Cole, all the only heirs at law of the said Wm. Stevens for the consideration of One Thousand Dollars to us paid by the said Mrs. Sarah Stevens surviving widow of Wm. Stevens deceased in property of that value inherited by her from her husband the said Wm. Stevens deceased the recipt and the delivery of possession whereof is hereby acknowledged have this day bargained, sold granted & released and do hereby sell grant and release unto the said Sarah Stevens and hear heirs all our right title and interest in and to the following described tract of land situated and lying in the said County of Freestone the same being a part of the G.W. Wisdom survey and more particularly described by metes and bounds as folows to wit: Beginning at the S.E. corner of the Wisdom survey a stake for corner P.O. 18 in di. bs. S. 65 E. $6\frac{1}{2}$ vs; Thence S. $50-\frac{1}{4}$ W. 405 vs. to a Hickory 3 in. di. for corner B.O. 24 in. di. bs. N. 35 W $9\frac{1}{2}$ vs; Thence N. $35\frac{1}{2}$ W. with Terners, 1000 vs. passes his NE corner 1675 vs. to a stake nother N.E. boundary of T.R. Thennon survey a Hickory 4 in. bs. N. 11 W. 4 vs. B.O. 7 in. bs. S. 82 W. 10 vs; thence N. 55 E. 405 - to stake in a dougout B.O. 6 in. bs. S. $10\frac{1}{2}$ E. 6 vs.; Thence S. $35\frac{1}{4}$ E. 1650 vs. to the place of beginning containing by estimation one hundred and twenty acres more or less to have and to hold the said described tract of land to the said Sarah Stevens hear heirs and assigns forever we do covenant and bind ourselves our heirs and representatives to warrant and forever defend the title to the said tract of land and evry part thereof to the said Sarah Stevens her heirs and assigns aganst lawful clames of all persons claiming or to claim by through or under us.

Witness our hands and scrowls for seals on this 16 day of May 1874.

Witness Thomas A. Henry
Arnold Langham

W.M. Stevens (Seal)
A.J. Stevens (Seal)
Susan Stevens (Seal)
Nettie M. Powell (Seal)
G.W. Powell (Seal)
Minerva E. Cole (Seal)
W.R. Cole (Seal)

The above instrument is recorded in Deed Book N, page 266, Freestone Records at Fairfield, Texas.



ELIZABETH FOUNTAIN STEVENS
Daughter of Israel & Delphia Fountain



BARTLEY I. & WILLIAM STEVENS
Sons of Bartley & Betsy Stevens

BARTLEY STEVENS

Bartley Stevens, youngest son of Edward and Mary Stevens, was born July 20, 1788 in North Carolina and died in Wilkinson County, Georgia on April 26, 1860. He served during the War of 1812 in the 8th Co., 1st Regiment of Johnston County Militia. (This record is to be found in MUSTER ROLLS OF SOLDIERS OF WAR OF 1812. DETACHED FROM THE MILITIA OF N.C. IN 1812-1814, which was published in pursuance of resolutions of the General Assembly of January 28, 1851, under the direction of the Adjutant General, Raleigh, in 1851.) Bartley's first marriage was to a Miss Blaylock in North Carolina. To them were born two children, Edmond and Penelope. After the death of his wife Bartley went to Georgia where Edmond later joined him. Penelope remained in North Carolina with her mother's people. In Wilkinson County, Georgia Bartley married Elizabeth Fountain, daughter of Israel and Delphia (Watkins) Fountain, and they reared six children: James, Eliza, William, Mary, Elizabeth, and Bartley Israel. Elizabeth Fountain Stevens, born about 1809, died February 2, 1895 and is buried in Gordan, Georgia.

EDMOND STEVENS

Edmond Stevens, son of Bartley and his first wife, was born June 21, 1819. He, too, was married twice. He first married Bernetta Hatfield on November 11, 1838 in Wilkinson. She was born April 18, 1816 and died July 28, 1850. She is buried in Hinson Cemetery, Twiggs County. Edmund married Susanah Wall on October 6, 1850. She was born January 7, 1831 and died July 13, 1897. Edmund Stevens died October 16, 1868 and is buried in Milledgeville.

Edmond and Bernetta Stevens had four children: John Franklin, born November 21, 1839; James Wesley, born January 25, 1842; Ann Rebecca, born January 4, 1844, died November 21, 1846; and Penelope, born August 13, 1846. William Richard Bartley was born to Edmond and Susanah Stevens on July 16, 1853.

JOHN FRANKLIN STEVENS married Sarah Ann Willis July 13, 1865. She was born October 31, 1848 and died January 29, 1910. He died November 25, 1915. Both are buried in the Gordon Cemetery. They were members of the Methodist church and he served as treasurer of the church at Gordon for about fifty years. He served the Confederacy in Company A, 49 Georgia Infantry. Children of Jack and Sarah Ann Stevens were: THOMAS- born July 25, 1866, died February 25, 1882; LULA- born March 11, 1868, died July 7, 1891; JAMES FRANKLIN- born June 14, 1871, died December 21, 1890; MINNIE GEORGIA- born March 27, 1873, died May, 12, 1874; and BETHANY- born November 30, 1874.

On August 23, 1892 BETHANY STEVENS married AMOS BYINGTON in the home that her father had bought in 1868 and in which she is still living. Amos Byington died July 25, 1917. Their children were: Sallie- born December 22, 1894; Pearl- born October 8, 1897; John- born January 26, 1901; Winnie- born August 29, 1902, died September 11, 1902; Lottie- born September 19, 1903; Robert- born May 10, 1907.

Sallie Byington married Sam O. Connor of Macon, Georgia on November 25, 1917. He died March 17, 1937 and is buried at Gordon. Their children are: twins John and Frank, born December 4, 1920 (Frank died May 25, 1921), and Ray, born March 13, 1922. John married Sarah Frances Nichols April 13, 1946 and is in the army. Ray's second marriage was to Al Fosnacht, November 14, 1953, Reading, Pa.

Pearl Byington married Edgar McPherson Strange of Tennille, Georgia on August 1, 1931. Both are members of the Methodist Church and Pearl is a member of the Gordon Women's Club. She has been a member of Central City Chapter # 28, Order of Eastern Star since March 16, 1926, and belongs to the Rebekahs, the Auxiliary to Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and the Wilkinson County U.D.C.

John Byington married Ora Sewell on December 24, 1922 and had two children: David Amos- born March 23, 1924, and Ora Marie -born October 25, 1926. John and Ora were separated and he married Mrs. Otelia Proctor in Macon on 13th of November, 1953. He is a member of the Macon Baptist Church and of Al Sihah Temple, # 418 Ft. Hawkins Lodge, and Central City Chapter #2 of Eastern Star.

David Amos Byington married Juanita Cannon on December 5, 1942. They have two children: Elaine, born January 13, 1944, and Shirley Ann, born August 25, 1949. They are Baptists and live in Macon.

Ora Marie Byington married William Wesley Chapman on February 21, 1942. Their children are: Susan Marie, born July 24, 1943, and Willaim Wesley, born April 21, 1946. Ora Marie and W.M Chapman are members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Lottie Byington married James F. Irwin of Rome, Georgia on April 5, 1919. She died in Gordon March 5, 1924. They had one son, Jack, who was born March 3, 1924.

Jack Irwin married Ellen Hunt of Cincinnati, Ohio on January 21, 1948. They live in Dayton, Ohio where Jack is a 32° Mason.

Robert Byington married Lucille Hooker in Macon on May 19, 1929. They live in Gordon and have one child, Marcus Montgomery, who was born June 16, 1943 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

JAMES WESLEY STEVENS , second child of Edmond and Bernetta Stevens, married Caroline Mercer January 10, 1869. She was born August 11, 1842 and died on March 9, 1916. He died July 19, 1917 and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Macon. Their children were: Julia Burke, Edmund Mercer, John Wesley Franklin, and Laurence Bennie.

JULIA BURKE STEVENS was born October 30, 1873. She married JOHN MORGAN BLOUNT March 15, 1893, and died August 5, 1955. Their children were: Olive Ozema- born December 18, 1893; Myrtle Elizabeth-born October 15, 1895, died July 5, 1896; Tarver Eustace- born January 4, 1897; John Edward- born October 11, 1898; Eva Burke- born August 7, 1901, died July 10, 1902; Claud Estese- born May 19, 1904.

Olive Ozema Blount married Charles Griffin Anderson on May 16, 1925 in Macon. They have one child, Sarah Julia, who was born August 11, 1926.

Sarah Julia Anderson married David Thomas Brown February 22, 1946 and had five children. Bernice was born June 16, 1948 and died the next day. David Thomas, Jr. was born May 28, 1949. Susan Kay was born August 6, 1950. Barbara Ann was born December 11, 1952. Charles Gerald was born October 1, 1955 and lived only one day.

Tarver Blount married Clara Belle Toole on March 3, 1917. They have no children.

John BLOUNT married Cora Eunice Alexander June 6, 1920. He died December 6, 1923.

John Edward (or Edwin?) Blount and Cora Eunice had one child, John Edwin, Jr.

John Edwin Blount, Jr. was born October 4, 1922. He married Ann Council of England and their son John Edwin, III was born December 11, 1948.

Claude E. Blount died January 10, 1936. He was never married.

PENELOPE STEVENS, daughter of Edmund and Bernetta Stevens, married FRANK LYLES of Twiggs County. She died August 5, 1873 and is buried in Hinson Cemetery in Twiggs County. Penelope and Frank Lyles had ~~two~~ daughters, Lobie and Nannie.

LOBIE LYLES married THOMAS GRIER and had two children, Frank and Tommie.

Frank Grior was born November 30, 1893 and lives in Elberton, Georgia.

Tommie Grior - nothing further is known of her.

NANNIE LYLES married George H. Wooten of Twiggs County, Georgia. Their children are: Jim, Sallie, Mattie Lee, Lobie, and Lillian.

Lillian Wooten married Joe Hulgán and they live in Warner Robins, Georgia.

Jim Wooten married Pearl Jones and lives in Macon.

Sallie Wooten married Norwood Ard and lives near Macon.

Mattie Lee Wooten married Whitaker Stevens of Gordon and lives in Macon.

Lobie Wooten married Lewis R. Gay. They live in Atlanta.

WILLIAM RICHARD BARTLEY STEVENS, son of Edmund and Susanah Stevens, died in Gordon on January 29, 1875.

PENELOPE STEVENS

Penelope Stevens, daughter of Bartley Stevens and his first wife, was born January 1, 1821 or 1822, Her first husband was Newtt Stephenson who was killed during the War Between the States. They had two children, one named Mary Frances, who died young. (Both are buried in Harnett County near the Taylor Wells farm, not far from the old Benjamin Dupree home.) Penelope was left on the farm during the War with a faithful old colored man. When the Yankees came through in 1865 they took her mule. Later the old darky went to Holly Springs, N.C. and told the Yankees, " That poor widow needs her mule !" He took the mule home with him.

After John Aaron Senter returned from the War, after having spent most of the time in a prisoner-of-war camp, he and Penelope Stevens Stephenson were married. The Stephenson family tried to get possession of the property left her by Newtt Stephenson but the will had given it to her and her heirs - so it passed on to her only son, David Henry Senter. This property is located in Hector's Creek Township or Black River Township, in Harnett County, not far from Chalybeate Springs.

DAVID HENRY SENTER was born August 24, 1869. When he was about nineteen years old he went to Fulton, Mississippi and worked on a newspaper. After he came

home, he edited papers in Dunn, Angier, and Lillington. He was the Assistant Secretary of State. He was a Republican for many years and twice was a delegate to the National Convention. He continued to take an active part in politics and last served in North Carolina State Legislature in 1941. He had fairly extensive farm property and operated a country store at Chalybeate. He was also president of the Bank of Lillington from the time of its founding in 1907 until just before his death on December 12, 1947. (His son John Aaron Senter is now president.)

David Henry Senter married Ida Parish Jefress on January 17, 1912 at the home of her parents, Mill View Farm, in Clarksville, Virginia. Ida Parish Jefress was born July 13, 1888 and still lives at the home in Chalybeate. Active and beautiful, she visits around with her children from time to time but loves to stay at home - a large two-story white house with tremendous columns and a big porch supported by columns, about three-fourths mile from where David Henry Senter was born.

Five children were born to David Henry and Ida Parish (Jefress) Senter: John Aaron, William Jefress, Virginia Penelope, David Grayson, and Meredith Stevens.

JOHN AARON SENTER, JR. was born July 22, 1915. On April 8, 1939 he married Vida Lee Peed of Creedmore, North Carolina. Their children are: Ida Carol - born February 26, 1940; Penelope Ann - born December 11, 1941; Mary Frances - born April 18, 1945; Lydia John - born April 15, 1950; Susan Lee - born February 19, 1953.

WILLIAM JEFFRESS SENTER was born October 16, 1917. He spent five years at Grady Hospital and Emory University in Atlanta and in 1942 met Betty Faye Ashcraft of Mobile, Alabama while she was a student at Agnes Scott. They have four children: Virginia Faye - born April 7, 1947; Sara Elizabeth - born July 10, 1950; and twins, Ann Ashcraft and William Jefress, Jr. - born July 13, 1953. William J. Senter is a practicing physician in Raleigh, N.C.

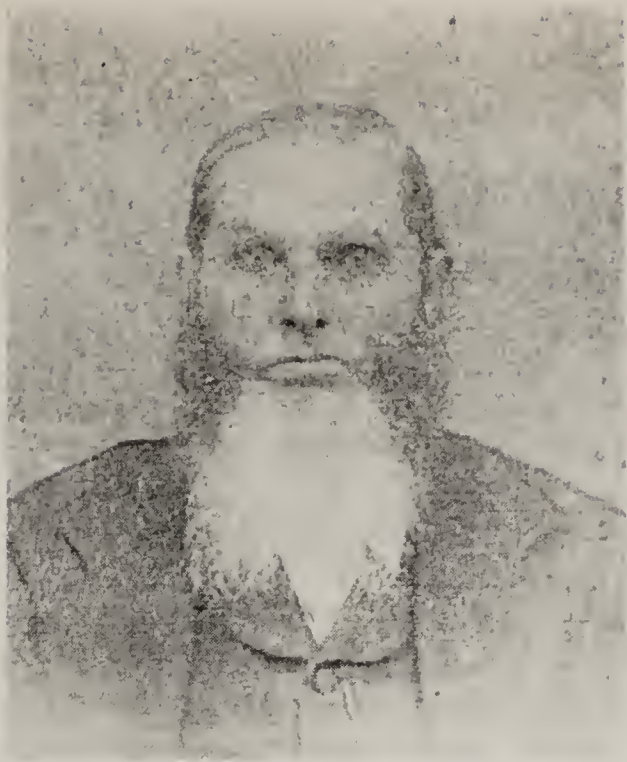
VIRGINIA PENELOPE SENTER was born May 4, 1919. On November 23, 1950 she married BILLY RAY CURRIN of Angier, N.C. Their children are: William Senter - born November 18, 1951, and Dorothy Candace - born April 4, 1953.

DAVID GRAYSON SENTER was born July 4, 1921. He married Grace Owen Clifton on November 29, 1941. They have one child, David Henry Senter II, born March 28, 1943.

MEREDITH STEVENS SENTER was born September 25, 1927. On February 14, 1949 he married Maxine Cone of Spring Hope, N.C. Their two children are: Meredith Stevens, Jr. - born February 28, 1953; and Michael Saunders - born March 15, 1956.

JAMES THOMAS STEVENS

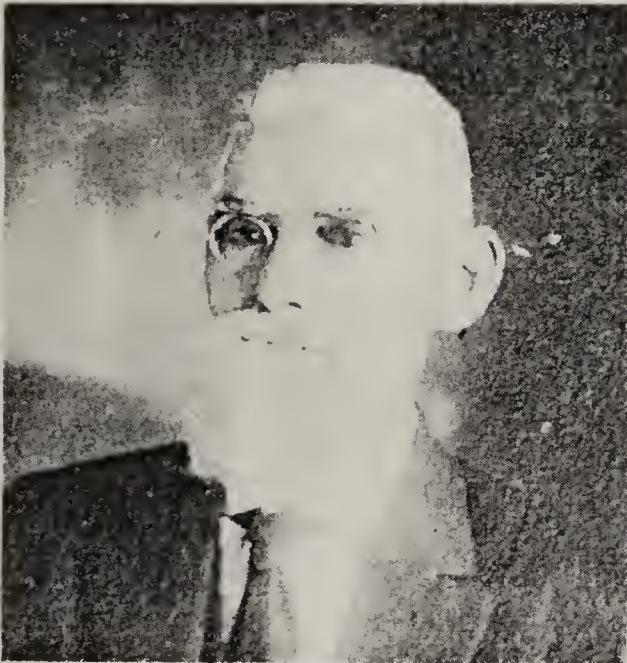
James Thomas Stevens, first son born to Bartley and Elizabeth (Fountain) Stevens, was born August 20, 1828 in Wilkinson County, Georgia. He was married to Elizabeth Ann Lyster by James Branan, J.P., on September 11, 1848. Daughter of Nimrod and Seneth Bethea Lyster, she was born in South Carolina near Charleston on April 17, 1825 but had lived in Georgia since early childhood. James and Elizabeth settled in their home about five miles east of Gordon on the old Stage Coach Road on what is now known as the Pace place, owned jointly



JAMES THOMAS STEVENS
Son of Bartley & E. Stevens



ELIZABETH LYSTER STEVENS



JOHN FRANKLIN STEVENS
Son of Edmond Stevens



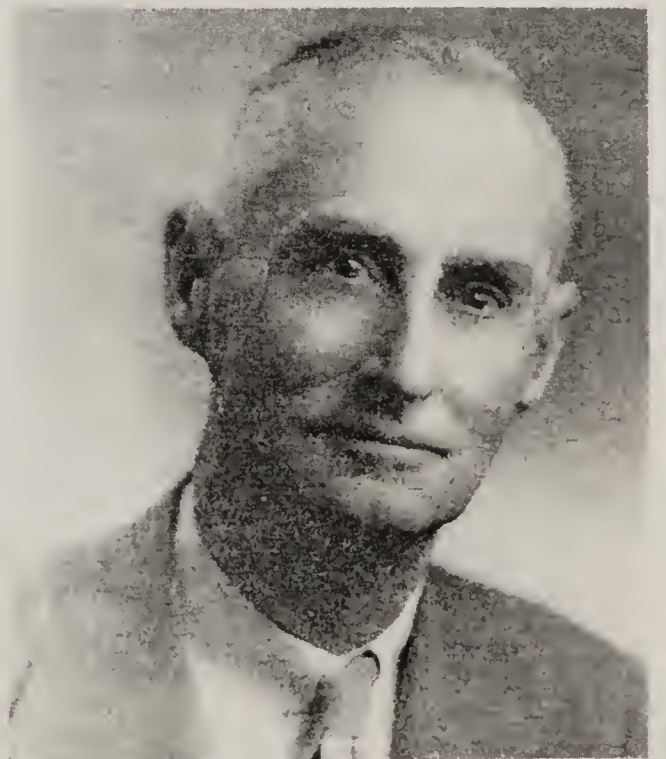
Seated: Mrs. Carrie Stevens & John Edwin Blount,
Olive Blount, James Wesley Stevens & Tarver Blount
Standing: Edmund M. Stevens, Julia Stevens Blount,
John Wesley Stevens



MARTHA CALEDONIA STEVENS OWEN
Daughter of J. T. & E. A. Stevens



LILLA McDANIEL NELSON



MOLTKE COLLINS NELSON

by two of their grandsons, Stevie Owen and Lonnie Pace. They later moved into their ten room, two story home in Gordon where they resided the remainder of their lives. James continued his farming activities after he moved into town, operated a general merchandise store, sold mules and had a contract with the Central of Georgia to furnish wood for their steam engines. James died on March 24, 1898 at the age of seventy. Elizabeth remained in the home until her death October 1, 1903 at the age of seventy-eight. Then one of the daughters Anna Dempsey, came into possession of the home and later sold it to her brother-in-law, Meredith Pace. In April 1936 Lonnie E. Pace, a son of Meredith Pace, bought it from the Pace heirs and kept it in his possession until 1948 when he sold it to Stevens Roy Owen who owns it at this time.

Children of James Thomas and Elizabeth (Lyster) Stevens were: Sara Jane - born June 13, 1850; Margaret - born June 9, 1852; Mary Anna - born November 27, 1859; Lewis A. - born September 19, 1868; Martha Caledonia - born September 22, 1861; William; Bartley; and Thomas.

SARA JANE STEVENS married WILLIAM FOUNTAIN and later moved to Macon. They had two sons, Sammie and Freddie, who died in childhood, and a daughter Vivian.

VIVIAN FOUNTAIN married Reubin Anderson LAMB. They lived in Wilkinson and Twiggs counties for awhile before moving to Rion, South Carolina where Mr. Lamb was mining engineer for a granite quarry until his death, November 21, 1955.

MARGARET ELIZABETH STEVENS married MEREDITH NATHANIEL PACE February 23, 1871. He died September 5, 1927 and she died January 20, 1936. Both are buried in Snow Hill Cemetery. Their children were: William D. - born May 4, 1872; Oscar - born April 8, 1874; Estella - born September 20, 1876; James - born September 6, 1878; Bessie - December 20, 1882; Lonnie Erasmus and Louis Edward (twins) - born November 15, 1885; and Myrtie Mae - born November 15, 1889.

WILLIAM D. PACE married Paris Branan of Wilkinson County December 17, 1896 and moved to Macon. They had one son, Glenn Branan, born August 12, 1900. After his wife's death William D. Pace married Mrs. Camille Grizzard of Macon and moved to Forsythe, Georgia.

Glenn Brannon Pace married Grace De Armond of Macon. They had three children - Glenn, Jr., Laura, and Grace. I do not know whom they married, but Glenn, Jr., one of the girls, and their mother live in Washington, D.C. The other daughter lives in New York City. Glenn Pace, Sr. died in 1950.

OSCAR PACE died October 5, 1880 when only six years old.

ESTELLA PACE married JOHN HARRISON of Harrison, Georgia in October 1891. They had one daughter, Gertie Lee. Estella died October 2, 1896.

Gertie Lee Harrison married Harvel Harrison and lives in Adrain, Georgia. They have one son who is married and lives in Jesup, Georgia.

JAMES PACE married Gwen Jackson of Wilkinson County. They moved to Houston County where their only daughter, Phyllis, was born. After the death of Gwen June 4, 1954, James married again in 1955, but I do not know to whom.

Phyllis Pace married James Davis Fountain, only son of Charlie and Mary (Davis) Fountain of Gordon, Georgia. They have two sons - Dave and Phil.

BESSIE PACE married HERSHEL DONALDSON of Donovan, Georgia the first Sunday in February, 1900. They had three children- Alton, Mabry, and Gretchen.. Bessie's second marriage was to Henry Etheridge of Wilkinson County and they lived near Laurel Branch Methodist Church until her death September 6, 1954. She is buried in Snow Hill Cemetery.

Alton Donaldson was born April 12, 1901. He had a son by his first marriage to a Miss Drake and a son was born to him and his second wife about 1942. They live in Miami, Florida.

Hugh Donaldson was killed in an automobile accident after he was grown and married.

Mabry Donaldson married Allen Wolf of Dinsmore, Florida. Their son was also killed in an automobile accident after he was grown.

Gretchen Donaldson married Frank Hurst of Dinsmore, Florida, and has three girls and four boys; among them are Betty, Geraldine, and Robert. Betty is married and has two children.

LONNIE ERASMUS PACE married on January 1, 1914 Ida Inez Hatfield, only daughter of John T. and Dollie Helton Hatfield of Wilkinson County. Lonnie and Ida live in the old Hatfield home now. Their twins, Lonnie Vernon and Ida Verne, were born December 8, 1918.

Lonnie Vernon, nicknamed Sammie, married first Myrtice McDade of Milledgeville, and second Norma Brown of Eatonton.

Ida Verne Pace married Ed Brown of Irwinton. They have three sons - Lamar Edwin, Jessie Lanier, and Marion Pace - and live within a few yards of her mother and father on the old Hatfield place.

LOUIS EDWARD PACE married Mrs. Sabrina Etheredge Lavender of Wilkinson County. Three sons were born to them but all died in infancy.

MYRTIE MAE PACE married EDWIN J. REEVES of Savannah and had one daughter, Rita.

Rita Mae Reeves married Herbert Pounds. They live in Savannah and have no children.

WILLIAM (BILLY) and BARTLEY STEVENS died of typhoid fever within a few days of each other. They were devoted to each other and neither was told of the others illness. When the doctors said there was no hope of their recovery, one of them was moved to the home of his Uncle Billy Stevens where he died.

THOMAS STEVENS married Bell Pace of Gordon. They had a daughter, Bessie.

BESSIE STEVENS married ELMA J. BARCLAY and moved to Douglas, Georgia. Their two children are Vera Belle and Ralph.

Vera Belle Barclay married Al S. Cross and lives in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Ralph Barclay married Idora Robinette and they have two daughters, Dorothy and Janice.

Dorothy Barclay married T.W. Brooks and lives in Houston, Texas. They have two boys and a girl.

Janice Barclay married Clint Courson and lives in Douglas, Georgia. They have no children.

LEWIS STEVENS never married. He died September 5, 1895 while living in Savannah and is buried in the Gordon Cemetery.

MARY ANNA STEVENS first married Rufus Frasier. Their only child died in infancy. Her second marriage was to WILLIAM DEMPSEY of Savannah. They had three children. One who was a twin to their daughter Thelma died in infancy. The third child is Callie. Anna is buried in the Bonaventure cemetery in Savannah.

THELMA DEMPSEY married (1) JOHN WILLIAMS and (2) RAY ORREL, both of Savannah. There were two daughters, Elizabeth and Carolyn, by the first marriage.

Elizabeth Williams married Harry Kilroy. They have one child and live in Savannah.

Carolyn Williams married Danny Flood of Savannah. They have two sons, Danny, Jr., and Johnnie.

CALLIE DEMPSEY married G.D. CARLOCK of Savannah and they have one son, D.

MARTHA CALEDONIA (CALLIE) STEVENS married GEORGE ALEXANDER OWEN July 26, 1883. Alex, as he was called, was quite a dashing young railroad conductor. While passing through Gordon on a train one day, he saw a beautiful young lady on a horse - and it was love at first sight. He asked who she was and upon being told she was Callie Stevens, he remarked, "I am going to marry that girl!" Because she was so young, Callie's father objected to the courtship, but love found a way - and they eloped. William A. Jones consented to help the young couple and one Thursday night he called for Callie to walk her to prayer meeting at the Methodist church. Instead of stopping at the church, however, they went on to the hotel where the groom and wedding party were waiting. An old negro man, Dennis Barrett, who worked for her father, had slipped her trunk out of the house while the family was at supper and carried it to the depot. As there were no automobiles and few trains, Alex had made arrangements for them to leave on a freight train that passed through Gordon right after the wedding. So- the young newly-weds rode the cab of a freight train to Savannah where they lived for a few years.

While they were living in Savannah two daughters were born to Alex and Callie: Una Olive was born August 7, 1884 and died October 14, 1885 and is buried in the Gordon Cemetery; Ethel Perdita was born March 29, 1886. They moved from Savannah to Macon where Stevens Roy was born March 22, 1888. Anna Richie was born in Gordon January 23, 1892, and Pearl Elizabeth was born February 24, 1896 in Gordon.

When Alex was injured in a train wreck and was unable to continue his services with the railroad, he moved his family back to Gordon where he taught school and operated a grocery store. He died July 1, 1896, leaving Callie with four small children to provide for. She was a courageous woman and faced the future with a determination to do the best she could and to rear her children in a Christian home. She had a very hard time until she was appointed to carry mail

on rural route from Gordon. Appointed on December 1, 1902, she was the first woman mail carrier in Georgia. Serving her patrons faithfully until her children were grown and married, she drove a horse and buggy and was loved by all who knew her. She was never in too big a hurry to pass a friendly greeting, speak a word of cheer to those in sorrow, or do a kind deed to those in need.

ETHEL PERDITA OWEN married DR. JAMES L LEE of Gordon. They moved to Savannah where Ruth Elizabeth was born in 1906. After a few years in Savannah they established their permanent home in Pinehurst, Georgia where Anna Jim was born.

Ruth Elizabeth Lee graduated from Bessie Tift College in Forsyth, Georgia and went to Gordon to teach. There she married James M. Coile, athletic coach and teacher in Gordon. He is son of Dr. and Mrs. Coile of Winterville, Georgia. Ruth and James had three children - Maurine Elizabeth (Betty), James, and Richard Lee. Ruth is now teaching in the high school in Warner Robins.

Betty Coile married L.B. Fisher of Texas on May 15, 1954 while he was serving in the Air Force at Warner Robins Air Force Base. Their daughter, Stevenie Ann was born June 10, 1955.

Anna Jim (Jimmie) Lee married Ed Lowe after graduating from Wesleyan College. Ed Lowe is from Macon. Their children are: Mary Owen, Carol Ann, and Ruth. Mary Owen attended Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri one year and received her degree from the University of Georgia in June 1956.

STEVENS ROY OWEN married (1) Annie Laura Dennard, and (2) Gussie Mae Summers, on December 4, 1948. He had one daughter, Annie Roy, by his first marriage. Stevens Roy Owen- Stevie- became interested in politics when quite young and has attended every state convention of the Republican Party since 1912. He has served as Chairman of the Wilkinson County Republican Party for several years and was elected Sixth District Chairman in 1952, also a member of the State Central Committee at the same time. He was re-elected to these same posts in May 1956 to serve for another four years. He was on the committee to welcome the President at the airport when he visited Atlanta in October 1952. He and Gussie Mae with his nephews Frank Evans, Sr. and Frank Evans, Jr. and others attended the inauguration of President Eisenhower in January 1953.

Annie Roy Owen, born October 22, 1918, married Cecil Allan Stiles of Wallaston, Massachusetts April 29, 1942 while he was stationed at Camp Wheeler. He is the son of the late Cecil Allan Stile and Mrs. Hazel Marilyn Styles Stiles and was born in St. Johnsbury, Vermont August 19, 1923. They have one son, Allan Roy, born January 30, 1947. Allan is a rural mail carrier in Dublin, Georgia.

ANNIE RICHIE OWEN was married in December 1909 to DR. ROBERT EARL EVANS who had come to Gordon in 1907 from Flemingsburg, Kentucky to practice medicine. They lived in Gordon until 1930 when they moved to Milledgeville where Dr. Evans was associated with Scott Hospital. They had one son, Frank Owen Evans, who was born December 15, 1910.

Frank Owen Evans married in June 1937 Evelyn Anne Bone, daughter of Harry Glyn and Evelyn Fite Bone of Milledgeville. They have two sons - Frank Owen Evans, Jr., born November 5, 1940, and Robert Earl Evans, born February 13, 1953. The following biographical report of Frank Owen Evans, Sr. was sent by Mrs. Stevie Owen:

Educational Background: Gordon Grammar School; Georgia Military Academy, 1922-1926 (honor graduate); B.S. in Economics, Washington and Lee, 1926-30; Executive Head Washington and Lee Honor System, 1930; Ll.B., first honor, Mercer, 1930-33.

While attending law school did limited teaching in Mercer University School of Commerce under fellowship and was a student research assistant for the work Restatement of the Law of Contracts; member of the debating team, three years; Chief Justice, Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity; Blue Key Leadership fraternity; Pi Kappa Phi social fraternity.

Instructor (Law and English), Georgia Military Academy for school year 1933.

Professional Background: General practice of law, Milledgeville, 1934 to June 1953; presently United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia.

Member: Milledgeville Bar; Ocmulgee Circuit Bar Association; Georgia Bar Association; American Bar Association. President, Law Alumni Association, Mercer, 1950.

At time of appointment as U.S. Attorney, was attorney for Baldwin County Board of Education; Secretary and Attorney for City of Milledgeville Park Commission; and law member for the Juvenile Advisory Committee of the Superior Court of Baldwin County.

Political Background: Affiliated with Republican Party in 1930 during first year in law school; Vice-Chairman, Sixth Congressional District, Republicans, 1932-44; Sixth District Delegate to National Convention of 1948 and 1952 and, at each, seconded the nomination of Governor Earl Warren for the Presidency; member, Rules Committee, Republican National Convention, 1952.

Deputy State Campaign Manager for Eisenhower-Nixon 1952 Campaign; General Counsel, Republican State Central Committee of Georgia, from 1944 until time of taking office as United States Attorney in 1953.

Other Background and Affiliations: Vice-chairman, Official Board, First Methodist Church of Milledgeville; teacher, Men's Bible Class, 1936 to present; Board of Governors, Georgia Military Academy, 1948 to present; Chairman, Baldwin County Public School Survey, 1950; former Finance Chairman, Central Georgia Council Boy Scouts of America; District Chairman, Georgia Cancer Society.

Member: Kiwanis Club (President, 1937); Junior Chamber of Commerce (President 1939); Milledgeville Chamber of Commerce (President, 1948); York and Scottish Rite Masonic bodies; Shrine.

As United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia, he has his office in Macon, Georgia and holds court in Athens, Albany, Americus, Columbus, Thomasville, Valdosta, and Macon - this embraces seventy counties. He was slated to be Federal Judge in February 1954, but became critically ill after a fall in which he broke his leg and was confined to the hospital for several months. He had to decline the appointment as he could not take on the strenuous duties of judge while in a cast. He is serving his State and Country with dignity and capability.

PEARL ELIZABETH OWEN married WILLIAM H. LOVING in 1916. She died August 27, 1918.
(Submitted by Mrs. Stevens Roy Owen of Gordon, Georgia)

ELIZA STEVENS

Eliza Stevens, second child of Bartley and Elizabeth (Fountain) Stevens, was born April 5, 1833. On October 1, 1850 she became the second wife of John Henry Strong. Born in the County of Wicklow, Parish of Bray, Ireland, on the 24th of April 1803, he had come to Twiggs County, Georgia and was teaching school. Their children were: John William, born July 19, 1851; Georgia Ann, born December 3, 1853; James Bartley, born March 22, 1858; Martha Ann, born March 1, 1862; Berry Alexander, born February 28, 1864; Eula Ann Henrietta, born February 21, 1866; and Charles Soloman, born September 13, 1869. John Henry Strong died on June 28, 1870 and Eliza on April 23, 1883. Both are buried in the Gordon Cemetery.

JOHN WILLIAM (JOHNNIE) STRONG made repeated efforts during the last of the War Between the States to join the army but he was too young so he attached himself to the troops as water carrier, helped to keep up the camp fires, and assisted in cooking for the men. Once when the flag was shot down, he picked it up and carried it tho' the soldiers were afraid he would be killed. In later years, because of this service, Daisy Price, Mayor of Macon, gave him a free license to operate any kind of business in the city that he chose!

Johnnie Strong married Margie Brooks of Gordon. She was born April 27, 1854, the daughter of Martha Mercer and John Brooks. Johnnie was connected with C. of Ga. R.R. until an accident forced his retirement. He died April 13, 1913 and Margie died January 21, 1929. Both are buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Macon. Their children were: Edward Walker, Louis Demus, William Joel, James Franklin, Dolly, Veta May, Collie Eugene, Anna Lilla, Pearl, Addie, Charlie and Freeman, twins. James Franklin, Dolly, Collie Eugene, and the twins all died young.

EDWARD WALKER STRONG was born February 13, 1874 in Wilkinson County. On the 11th of August 1901 he married Ella Mae Jones of Gray, Georgia. She was born January 3, 1884, daughter of J.W. and Lura Stewart Jones of Jones County. They had four children: Edward Bernice; Rufus Elmo, born 1904-died in infancy; Eula May; and Joseph Cullen. Edward Walker Strong and his wife were members of the Baptist Tabernacle in Macon. He died February 8, 1955 and is buried in Ft. Hill Cemetery. Mrs. Strong lives at 959 Ross Street, Macon.

Edward B. Strong was born December 27, 1902. He married Ollie Groover of Glennville, Georgia and had a daughter Ann.

Ann Strong married Kenneth Taylor of Macon February 3, 1951. They have two children, Patricia Ann- born September 25, 1952, and Kenneth Daniel- born August 10, 1954.

Eula May Strong was born April 16, 1906. She married LeRoy Walker in Macon on November 20, 1926. They have two sons, LeRoy and James, and live in Miami.

LeRoy Walker married Dale French and has a son, Dale LeRoy.

Joseph Cullen Strong married Gladys Jones of Macon. They have two daughters, Jackie and Sharon who is a student at Mercer.

Jackie Strong married Sonny Kent.



JOHN STRONG
Son of Eliza Stevens Strong



MARGIE BROOKS STRONG
Wife of John Strong



VEDA STRONG HAMMOCK
Daughter of John & Margie Strong



back row - Alma Hammock, Mrs. John Strong, Clyde Hammock
front row - Doris Carroll, Henry Strong

LOUIS DEMUS STRONG was born October 30, 1875. He married Minnie Barthlott who was born in Philadelphia, daughter of Karl and Louise Evans Barthlott from Germany. Demus was in the mercantile business in Macon for many years. He is buried in Riverside Cemetery, Macon. Mrs. Strong has been connected with Western Union Telegraph Company for a long time and lives at 1198 Brentwood Avenue, Macon. Demus and Minnie had two daughters, Mildred and Ruth.

Mildred Strong married R.E. Bishop and lives in Ormond Beach, Florida.

Ruth Strong, born October 28, 1907, married A.R. Alley August 17, 1929. They have two children, Elaine - born May 10, 1940, and Richard - born March 7, 1948.

WILLIAM JOEL STRONG was born March 22, 1878. On June 22, 1904 he married Ava Kennington, daughter of Jim and Drucilla (Balcom) Kennington of Gordon. They have three children - Henry, Evelyn, and Bill. Will Strong was a painter for the railroad but is now retired and they live at 764 Williams Street, Macon.

Henry Strong was born April 9, 1909. He married Ruby Messer in Macon July 26, 1936. They have no children and live at 764 Williams.

Evelyn Strong, born January 16, 1916, married Marvin Mimbs June 27, 1937. They have three children - Margaret, Marvin, and Debra - and live in Columbus, Georgia.

Bill Strong was born February 8, 1920. He married Peggy Lizenby and lives in Macon.

VETA MAY STRONG was born January 27, 1884 in Putnam County, Georgia. She married J.E. HAMMOCK from Forsyth, Georgia. They had three children: Alma, Clyde, Marvin. Veta May died in 1941 and is buried in Edgewater Cemetery in New Smyrna, Florida.

Alma Hammock married Joe Nogales from Moultrie. They have one child, Nell, and live in Jacksonville, Florida.

Clyde Hammock married Warren Thompson of Patlaka, Florida. They have no children.

Marvin Hammock married first Flora Gardner of Titusville, Florida. Their children were Veda, Elva Pearl, and Wanda. - Marvin's aunt, Mrs. Pearl Strong Travis, legally adopted and reared these children. - Marvin's second wife is Claudia _____. They have no children.

ANNA LILLA STRONG was born May 7, 1888. She first married LEWIS CARROLL of Macon and had a daughter Doris. Anna Lilla's second marriage was to J.B. Edmondson of Atlanta. They had no children. She died in 1946 and is buried in Atlanta. Doris married Henry Pinson and has a daughter Betty Jean.

PEARL STRONG was born October 18, 1890. She made her home in Florida and married Loseur Gaulden, an attorney of West Palm Beach, who was an alumni of Yale University and a graduate of Stetson. They had no children and after his death, Pearl married Theo (Gator) Travis in 1940. Theo is also a graduate of Stetson University. They have no children but legally adopted Pearl's great-nieces, Veda (born April 25, 1942), Elva Pearl (born October 3, 1944), and Wanda (born July 28, 1947). They also have an adopted son, Joe Travis, born August 28, 1934 in California.

In 1922 Pearl bought four hundred acres of land, thirty miles south of Daytona Beach and began clearing and planting an orange grove which grew into the LOG CABIN GROVES. The following are extracts from two Florida newspapers- SENTINEL STAR of Orlando and TITUSVILLE STAR ADVOCATE:

One of the loveliest and most picturesque spots in Florida, known as the Log Cabin Groves, is located just seventeen miles north of Titusville, on Dixie Highway U.S. # 1. It is at the head of the famous Indian River in the Turnbull Hammock lands, famed in history and known for its natural scenic views and excellent quality of citrus fruits.

The Log Cabin Groves, known as "The Garden of Eden", were started in 1931 in this natural jungle. Since that time one hundred or more acres have been cleared. Pearl experimented largely with improving orange tree growth and quality. She is among the few citrus growers in Florida who have successfully transplanted grown trees without the loss of fruit or trees. Twenty-five trees on the place have been grafted and budded from time to time until they each bear every citrus fruit imaginable. There are about three hundred Lu Jim Gong orange trees in the lot and rare trees and plants of all kinds are to be found in the tract, also. Among them are an Australian fern tree and a fish-tail palm from the Isle of Madagascar.

Pearl maintained her own small-order packing plant, electrically operated but employing about fourteen people, and having a daily production of two hundred boxes of oranges. Every variety of citrus fruit known is grown here.

A cactus garden is also worthy of note. About four hundred different species of rare cacti are grown here under the supervision of Jack Stalder, rock garden and cactus expert. These plants have been brought from all over the world and as much as seven hundred dollars has been offered them for one of the rarest cactus plants. Literally, a jungle and a swamp land has been miraculously turned into a Garden of Paradise, and has been maintained as a show place where visitors are welcomed.

Inside the log cabin residence one finds it beautifully furnished with treasures ranging from sets of hand-carved teak wood Japanese furniture to a painting, by the world-famous artist Renwick, inscribed "Renwick Christmas Greetings, 98". Natural cedar furniture has also been used in many of the rooms. Too, Pearl has two of the very rare Criterion Music Boxes which are over one hundred twenty-five years old. She has many old-time songs inscribed in small tin discs more than a century and a half ago and she delights in playing them for her guests.

In 1953 Mrs. Travis sold the Grove and moved to 558 Riverside Drive, Holly Hill, Florida. She and Mr. Travis are members of Central Baptist Church in Daytona Beach, Florida.

ADDIE STRONG was born August 25, 1892 in Wilkinson County. She married ROBERT GILLON of Macon on December 23, 1901. They had two children - Sarah and Marvel. After Mr. Gillon's death, Addie married A.K. MILNES, an Englishman from Canada. They live in Jacksonville where Addie is quite active in her community. She is first vice-president of the Duval Democratic Club and is chairman of Springfield Woman's Club. She is Past Noble Grand of one of the Rebekah Lodges in Jacksonville and is Matron of Honor to Queen in the White Shrine of Jerusalem. She is past president of one of the P.T.A. groups and has received a Declaration of Chivalry for outstanding work in her community.



PEARL STRONG TRAVIS



WANDA, VEDA & ELVA PEARL TRAVIS



THEO, ELVA, WANDA & PEARL TRAVIS



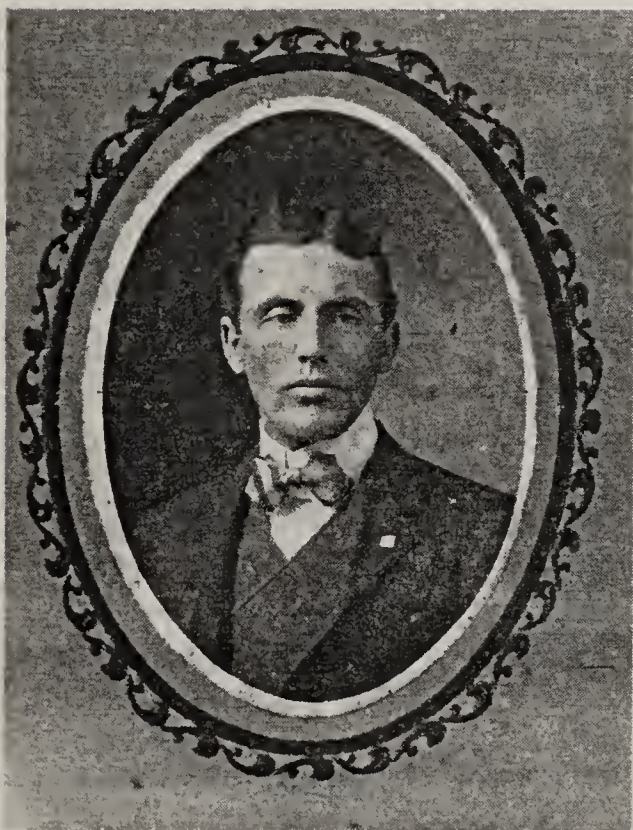
THEO TRAVIS



SARAH GILLON MORRIS
Daughter of Addie Strong & Robert Gillon



Marvel, Addie Strong, & Sarah Gillon



DEMUS STRONG



RUTH & MILDRED STRONG
Daughters of Demus Strong



Georgia Ann Strong Robertson



FRANKLIN B. STRONG
Son of Berry Strong

Sarah Gillon graduated from high school in Palm Beach, Florida in 1927 with highest honors. Her name, with others who have attained this honor, is engraved on a silver cup in the trophy case of the school. The annual of that year contains one of her poems. Sarah married Don Morris and both of their names are in WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA - his for his newspaper work and hers for her writings. She is deceased and is buried in West Palm Beach.

Marvel Gillon is deceased and is buried in Jacksonville, Florida.

Happy is the man who recalls his ancestors with pride, who treasures the story of their greatness, tells the tales of their heroic lives, and with joy too full for speech, realizes that Fate has linked him with a race of goodly men.

- Goethe

GEORGIA ANN STRONG was married to JOHN L. ROBERTSON from Savannah by V. Thorpe on November 5, 1872. A veteran of the Confederate Army, John L. Robertson worked for the railroad and also farmed. Georgia Ann operated a small country store for many years. Both belonged to the Methodist Church. They had seven children, six of whom lived to adulthood. (Emory Speer Robertson was born May 6, 1895 and died January 31, 1896.) Georgia Ann Strong Robertson died on April 24, 1922 and John L. died April 2, 1923. Both are buried in Gordon.

WINDELL ARTHUR ROBERTSON was born October 2, 1877. He married Ethel Viola Ingram, daughter of James Averett and Willie Talulah Newton Ingram, and they had four children: Windell Arthur, Jr., John Averett, Willie Ethel, and Sarah. Arthur was a conductor with the C. of Ga. R.R. and died May _____. His wife died March 15, 1955. Both are buried in Bonaventure Cemetery in Savannah.

Windell Arthur Robertson, Jr. was born March 3, 1906 in Tusculum, Georgia. On July 9, 1929 he married Thetis O'Neal Barnes of Statesboro, Georgia. She was born December 26, 1906 to John E. and Hattie Perkins Barnes. They have no children living. Arthur is Building Inspector and Tax Assessor of Chatham County and they live at 3 E. 60th. Street, Savannah. They are members of the Epworth Methodist Church.

John Averett Robertson, born July 1, 1907 in Tusculum, is a medical representative and lives at 606 Prince Street, Tifton, Georgia. He was first married to Margaret Mann, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John O. Mann of Elko, Georgia, on October 20, 1923. Their son John Averett, Jr. was born August 29, 1925. John's second marriage was on July 15, 1937 in Daytona Beach to Sara Frances James who was born May 8, 1914 in Waycross, Georgia and is daughter of Joseph Henry and Mary Jane Hodges James of Waycross. Children of John and Sara are: Judith Marie - born January 4, 1941 in Brunswick; Thomas Ingram - born July 13, 1947 in Savannah; and James Arthur - born July 7, 1949 in Savannah.

John Averett Robertson, Jr. - Jack - graduated from Lanier High School for Boys in 1943. He was a member of the football team and of the varsity track, was a member of "L" club and of Phi Sigma Theta fraternity, and was a cadet sergeant

He served as Aviation Machinist Mate , U.S. Navy Air Corps, 1943-46; attended Mercer University 1947-48 where he was in intra-mural sports and a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity. On December 19, 1949 he married Imogene Alexander, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bryan Alexander of Macon. They have two children - Carolyn Margaret, born March 18, 1951, and John A. III, born December 27, 1954. John A. is a chemist with Georgia Kaolin Company and they live at 1271 W. Grenada Terrace, Macon.

Willie Ethel Robertson, born in Tusculum September 7, 1908, married Thompson Hiles on September 5, 1927 in Decatur, Georgia. He was born December 4, 1900 in Rome, Georgia and is the son of Thompson and Clelie McWilliams Hiles. He has been a medical representative for S.E. Massengile Company for twenty-four years. Children of Willie Ethel and Thompson Hiles are: Joseph Robert, born August 21, 1941 in Asheville, N.C.; Richard Allen, born August 31, 1943 in Asheville. They are members of the First Methodist Church and live at 120 Westwood Road. Lakeview Park, Asheville, N.C.

Sarah Georgia Robertson, born April 7, 1913 in Dover, Georgia, attended Wesleyan Conservatory and graduated from Georgia State College for Women. She is a Registered Medical Technician and at present teaches ninth grade general science in Chatham County schools. She married Brasile Ransone Bradford, Jr. who was born May 26, 1910 in Monroe Co., Ala. to Jennie Lee Address and Brasile Ransone Bradford, M.D., and died June 2, 1956 in Savannah. They had five children. Brasile Ransone III was born November 13, 1937 and is a pre-med student in Armstrong College, now. He will enter Emory University for his medical work. Windell Robertson was born March 15, 1940 and is a senior in Savannah High School. He plans to prepare for the Methodist ministry. Neil Address was born November 26, 1946. Sarah Jane was born December 9, 1942. John Ingram was born October 13, 1950. They live at 629 E. 46th Street, Savannah, and attend the Wesley Monumental Methodist Church.

ADIE EDNA ROBERTSON was born November 9, 1879 in Gordon, Georgia, and was married to HYMAN NELSON on June 27, 1900 by Rev. Philemon Beals of the South Georgia Conference. Before his death on August 28, 1914 Hyman Nelson was an engineer for the Georgia Southern Railroad. Edna has been insurance secretary for the Auxiliary to the Locomotive Engineers 375 Ocmulgee since January 1923. She is a member of Central City Lodge #28, Eastern Star, of W.C.T.U., and of First Street Methodist Church. Edna and Hyman had two children : Frances Ann, born April 16, 1906; and Richard, born March 27, 1909 and died in infancy.

Frances Ann Nelson graduated from State Normal School in Athens, Georgia and attended Mercer University. She teaches at the T.D. Tinsley School in Macon and is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Association for Childhood Education, and W.C.T.U. On July 16, 1938 she was married by Rev. L.E. Williams to Lucius Ballard Sconyers. He is Division Manager for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company with headquarters in Macon, and is a member of the Rotary and Elks clubs.

MATTIE ELIZABETH ROBERTSON married on September 5, 1912 ROBERT ERNEST LOCKHART, son of John A. and Martha Jane McDowell Lockhart. He was a conductor for the Central of Georgia Rail Road until disability forced his retirement February 5, 1954. He served as Local Chairman for the Railway Conductors until retirement and is still an active member of the organization. Both Mattie and Robert are members of the First Street Methodist Church. They live at 1253 Carling Avenue in Macon. Their three children are: Martha Sue, Bonnie Eula, and Robert Roy.

Martha Sue Lockhart was born July 27, 1913 and on May 30, 1936 was married to her high school sweetheart, Joe Oscar Camp, son of Richard Howard and Willie Hawkins Elam Camp. Both young people have been active in all church work since childhood. Martha Sue has been pianist for all services and a teacher in the Sunday School department, while Joe served for some years as acting secretary and treasurer and assistant Sunday School superintendent. They live in Macon at 1246 Carling Avenue but still retain their church membership in Gordon, attending services there every time they can. Joe is connected with C. of Ga. R.R. and is a member of Railway Conductors.

Bonnie Eula Lockhart, born November 17, 1915, has also been a very active church worker. Since moving to Macon in 1942 she has transferred her membership to First Street Church although she is a member of the orchestra playing for the George S. Jones Bible Class of the Vineville Church. She attended Georgia Alabama Business College and since 1950 has been employed by Dunlap Chevrolet Co. On January 20, 1945, Bonnie married Charles Denny Bailey, son of Rev. John William and Betty Jane Tatum Bailey. Charles was attending medical school in Augusta at the time they were married. On November 10, 1945 their son Robert Candler Bailey was born. He will enter the sixth grade this 1956 school term. Bonnie and her family live at 1253 Carling Avenue, also.

Robert Roy Lockhart was born March 19, 1921. He too attended the Gordon schools and was active in all church and school activities. In 1939 he entered Middle Georgia College and in 1940 went to the state university at Athens. During World War II he spent twenty-two months in the Panama Canal Zone and twenty months in El Paso, Texas. After his discharge from the Armed Forces he went back to the university and graduated in 1948. He is now assistant manager of Personal Credit Corporation in Macon. On April 16, 1944 Robert was married to Ruth Steinheimer, daughter of Richard Posey and Jennie Inez Glass Steinheimer. To them a daughter Ruth Elizabeth was born on December 17, 1949. In the fall of 1956 she will enter Joseph W. Neel school where her mother - a graduate of Georgia State College for Women - is now teaching. Both Robert and Ruth are members of St. James Episcopal Church and are active members of the the PTA. They live at 3943 Travis Blvd., Macon.

CHARLIE STEVENS ROBERTSON was born April 3, 1884 and died January 28, 1908.

EULA PHILMORE (DAISY) ROBERTSON was born September 16, 1888. Her first husband was a Mr. Fox. She is now married to WILL PADGETT and lives in Atlanta.

HERMAN WILLIAM ROBERTSON was born July 11, 1893 and on May 24, 1916 was married to Nell Hutchins whose birthdate is August 6, 1896. He is a conductor for the C. of Ga. R.R. and they have two sons: Frank Lewis, born April 22, 1917, and George Herman, born July 10, 1918. Herman and Nell live at 2114 Vineville Avenue Macon.

Frank Lewis Robertson is a graduate of Emory and of Yale Divinity College. He is pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church in Columbus, Ga. He married Lu Reese Ann Watson on June 18, 1941 and they have two children, Frank Lewis, Jr. - eight years old, and Jennie Jane - twelve years old.

George Herman Robertson graduated from business college and married Helen Nancy Johnson June 18, 1942. They have two sons: George Anthony, age 8, and Albert William, age 2½. George is in the office of Southern Wood Preserving Company of Macon.

GREEN FRANKLIN STRONG, third child of Eliza Stevens and John Strong, was born April 4, 1856 and died December 23, 1878.

JAMES BARTLEY STRONG, born March 22, 1858, married Mollie Mason of Eatonton. He was an engineer for the Central of Georgia. She died January 19, 1940 and he died June 5, 1940. They are both buried in Bethel Church Cemetery, Bibb County. Their children were: Tom, William Franklin, Nesbit, Hattie, Mae, and Charles Bartlett. Talmadge Lane was the third son.

TOM STRONG was born May 23, 1884 in Savannah. He never married and lives now with his sister, Mrs. Fletcher, at 871 Peachtree Street, Macon.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN STRONG, born April 24, 1886 in Gordon, married Margaret Alberta Tucker on May 7, 1913. Born March 8, 1880 she is the daughter of James Calvin and Elizabeth Glass Tucker. They have five children: Martha Elizabeth, Mildred Louise, Herbert William, Harold, and Janet.

Martha Elizabeth Strong, born January 4, 1915, married William Henry Krieger, Jr of Philadelphia on Aug. 30, 1942. They have no children. She is a member of First Street Methodist Church and he is a Roman Catholic. He operates a service station and they live at 1020 Adams Street in Macon.

Mildred Louise Strong, born September 5, 1918, married Marshall W. Maddox of Lumber City, Ga. on February 3, 1934. They have five children: Marshall, Jr. born July 16, 1935; Eugene Leroy, born April 16, 1939; Patsy Joyce, born November 13, 1951; Ricky Gerald, born November 7, 1952; and Judith Madeline, born April 19, 1954. They are members of the 2nd Street Baptist Church, Macon, and Marshall, Sr. is a paint contractor.

Marshall Maddox, Jr. is married to Joyce Theus of Macon and they have one son, Marshall III, born March 11, 1954.

Herbert Strong, born 7-23-1920, married Rosa Lee McCook, daughter of Frank and Jennie Ryle McCook, on January 10, 1942.. They have three children: Herbert Bartow, born September 7, 1944; Ralph Franklin, born May 19, 1947; and Katherine Sue, born November 12, 1952. Rosa Lee is a member of the Tattnell Square Baptist Church, but Herbert belongs to First Street Methodist. He is a member of W.O.W. and is an electrician with Electric Blue Print Company. They live at 1020 Adams Street.

Harold Strong, fourth child of William and Alberta, was born April 13, 1923. On May 17, 1949 he married Austine Thompson, Bibb County. They are members of the Methodist Church and he is a butcher with Pittman Company. Harold has adopted Austine's two children by a previous marriage. They are Joella, born December 1942, and Jean, born May 17, 1944.

Janet Strong, born March 5, 1925, married Roy Gilman of West Virginia on July 14, 1946. They have two children - Donald Ray, born September 7, 1947, and Margaret Diane, born June 27, 1951 - both born in West Virginia. They are members of First Methodist Church. Roy is an electrician.

TALMADGE LANE STRONG, third son of J.B. and Molly Mason Strong, was born February 8, 1888. He married Vallie Hardy, daughter of Frank and Rebecca Wilder Hardy of Lizella, Georgia, on November 13, 1911. She was born April 1, 1895. They had six children: Gladys, Hazel Ruth, Eula Mae, Talmadge Lane, Jr., James



BARTLEY STRONG
Son of Eliza Stevens & J. H. Strong
JAMES STRONG
Son of Talmadge Strong



TALMADGE STRONG
Son of Bartley & Molly Strong



WILL STRONG
Son of Bartley & Molly Strong



Children of Bartley & Molly Strong
C. B., MAE, & HATTIE

Franklin, and Audrey Louise. They were members of the Mabel White Baptist Church. Vallie died September 30, 1949 and is buried at Bethel Cemetery, Bibb county. He is a veterinarian and lives on Thomaston Road, Macon.

Gladys Strong, born September 16, 1913, married B.B. Defore July 5, 1929. She died November 27, 1930 and is buried in Bethel Cemetery.

Hazel Ruth Strong, born January 17, 1916, married Joe Draughorne of Macon on April 5, 1931. Joe was born July 3, 1910. They have two children- twins. Pamela Jo and Benjamin Philip were born in Portsmouth, Virginia December 28, 1944. Hazel Ruth is a dietician and Joe is a machinist. They are members of the Baptist Church and live on Thomaston Road, Macon.

Eula Mae Strong was born May 21, 1918. On June 11, 1939 she married Roger Hazelhurst. They have three children. Elaine was born June 4, 1942; Roger, September 21, 1945; and Deborah, February 22, 1953. They are members of the Episcopal Church. Roger is sales manager for C.W. Farmer Company, Macon, and they live at 1544 Engle Drive, Macon.

Talmadge Lane Strong, Jr., born November 15, 1920, married Jewell Drew in Macon July 23, 1941. They have two children: Terry, born October 20, 1942, and Juliet, born April 9, 1951. They are also Baptists. Talmadge is sales manager for Mulberry Wholesale Provision Company. They live at 1558 Engle Drive.

James Franklin Strong, born February 2, 1924, married Joan Emberger in Philadelphia, Penn. June 14, 1947. They have two daughters: Vallie Christine, born January 27, 1951, and Tina, born December 27, 1953. They are Episcopalians. They live in Birmingham where James is Branch Manager of Todd Company.

Audrey Louise Strong was born June 10, 1926 in Lizella. She married Hubert Leaptrot of Macon and they have two children. Susan was born February 1, 1947. and Mark was born June 18, 1951. Hubert is employed by SOUTHERN Telephone Company, Macon. They, too, are members of the Baptist Church.

NESBIT (NAPE) STRONG first married Willie Rebecca Wadsworth and had one child, Mary who married Joe Rosche. Nape married again and lives in Vero Beach, Florida where he is a fruit grower and operates a packing house.

HATTIE STRONG married Norman Mahone.

MAE STRONG was born July 28, 1898 in Milledgeville. On March 21, 1930 she married DAVID FLETCHER of Helena, Georgia. They have no children. They are members of Glad Tidings Church and live at 871 Peachtree Street, Macon.

CHARLES BARTLETT STRONG married Lucile Wadsworth on November 3, 1919. They have one son, Charles, Jr. Charles, Sr. is a Methodist preacher and they live in Macon.

Charles Strong, Jr. married Gloria Gill of Macon on June 7, 1941. They have three children: Gary, Sharon Dale, and Rodney.

MARY ELIZABETH STRONG, fifth child of Eliza Stevens and John Henry Strong, was born January 9, 1860 and died March 4, 1929. On November 27, 1876 she married THADDEUS PARKER, who was born May 1, 1854 and died September 6, 1926. Seven children were born to them: Mattie, Annie Priscilla, Ed, Charlie Lee, Willie

Bertha, Earle, and Lawton.

LAWTON PARKER, the eldest child, married Addie Bateman. They live at Moreland, Georgia. Their children are: Mamie, Edward, Minnie Lee, and Opal.

MATTIE PARKER married J. OSCAR GREEN of Macon. Their children were: La Verne, Cleo, Martha Earle, and Parker.

ANNIE PRISCILLA married LEE IRVINE in Macon June 28, 1905. He was the son of Gabriel C. and Elizabeth Gregory Irvine of Lebanon, Kentucky. They had one child, Elizabeth. Annie is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Elizabeth Irvine married Charles Spurgeon Harris in Aiken, S.C. March 26, 1926. He was born June 20, 1900 in Parrot, Georgia and died in 1941. They had one child Elizabeth Ann. Elizabeth Irvine's second marriage was to Leon Jacob Fried on June 21, 1946. He died March 28, 1947. Elizabeth is a member of DAR and is a teacher in the Bibb County schools.

Elizabeth Ann Harris was born July 1, 1928 and is a graduate of Mercer University. She married Dr. Elmer Lee Fry on February 22, 1954 in Macon, and they have one child, Mary Elizabeth, born March 27, 1955.

ED PARKER was born in October 1888. His first marriage was to Lela McElroy and they had two sons, Charlie and Edward. His second wife is Ruth Wall and they have one son, Thaddeus. They live in Gordon.

CHARLIE LEE PARKER was born December 29, 1890. On January 16, 1918 he married Maude Marie Dennis, who was born in Elmira, N.Y. January 7, 1898. Their children are: Susie Elizabeth, Helen Marie, and Charlie Lee, Jr. Charlie Lee, Sr. and Maude Marie live at 1530 Johnson Avenue, Macon.

Susie Elizabeth Parker was born January 30, 1919 in Macon. After graduating from Miller High School and Middle Georgia Hospital School of Nursing, she served in the U.S. Naval hospitals in Portsmouth and Great Lakes. On January 30, 1943 she married LeRoy Richey in Chicago, Illinois. He was born October 17, 1912 in Attica, Indiana. He is Chief Carpenter's Mate in the navy and they live in Norfolk, Virginia. Their children are: Martha Sue, born November 17, 1943 in Brooklyn; Donna Marie, born November 4, 1945; Mildred, born January 1, ____; and Denise, born February 27, 1951 in Norfolk.

Helen Marie Parker, born August 20, 1921, graduated from Miller High School and on December 14, 1942 was married to Emmett Cowart in El Paso, Texas. He was born July 9, 1918 in Godfrey, Georgia, and is employed at the Air Force Base in Warner Robins, Georgia. Their children are Charles Joseph, born September 12, 1942, and Evelyn Leigh, born May 6, 1945 - both born in Macon.

Charlie Lee Parker, Jr. graduated from Lanier High School and attended Mercer two years. He graduated from the University of Georgia in dramatics and is now employed by Peter J. Rotondo Company, Inc. in New York City.

WILLIE BERTHA PARKER was born September 12, 1893. Her first marriage was to EUGENE TINSLEY of Gordon on April 28, 1912. Their children were Jack, Norman, and Helen. Willie Bertha married second Moltke Collie Nelson of Gordon. He was a rural mail carrier. Both were members of the Gordon Methodist Church and Willie was a member of the U.D.C. She died February 24, 1943 and Moltke died

November 29, 1946. -----Lee Tinsley was another son by the first marriage.

Jack Tinsley married Ouida Johnson of Allentown, Georgia. They live in Palatka, Florida.

Norman Tinsley - no information about him.

Helen Tinsley, a graduate of Georgia Alabama Business College, married Jack W. Rundell of Fort Valley, Georgia on August 31, 1946. He is an accountant in Athens. They have two children - Jack III, born July 13, 1947, and Elizabeth Ann, born February 24, 1950.

Lee Tinsley - no further information.

EARLE PARKER married PAUL PRINCE of Godfrey, Georgia. They live in Bastrop, Louisiana. Their children are: Paul, Jr., Eugenia, Elizabeth, and Billy. Paul Prince died 10 October 1955 and is buried at Bastrop.

Elizabeth Prince married Glenn Murphy of Bowling Green, Kentucky.

MARTHA NANCY ANN WELTHLY is listed in the family Bible as the sixth child of Eliza A. Stevens and John Henry Strong. She was born March 1, 1862. Under Deaths we find : Mattie Ann Holder, Daughter of John H. Strong, Departed this life May 30, 1878.

BERYFORD ALEXANDER STRONG was born February 28, 1864. His first marriage was to Lena Harrell , November 6, 1887, in Wilkinson County. There were two daughters by this marriage- Evola and Cecil. His second marriage was to Katie Marie Stripling. She was born August 20, 1873 in Bibb County. There were two sons and two daughters by this marriage, but I have no information concerning them. Berry was a locomotive engineer for C. of Ga. R.R. and lived in Savannah. He retired at the age of seventy and pursued his hobby of truck farming. He was a member of the Trinity Methodist Church, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and of the Sons and Daughters of America. He died August 31, 1942. Katie Marie died July 7, 1951. Both are buried in Savannah.

EVOLA STRONG, daughter of Berry and Helena Elizabeth Harrell Strong, was born December 14, 1893, in Savannah. In Ocala, Florida on October 18, 1915 she was married to PHILIP ROBERT YONGE of Savannah. Four children were born to them: Philip Robert Yonge, Jr. was born in Wyandotte, Michigan on January 17, 1917; Cecil Lilla was born November 22, 1918 in Savannah; Evola Elizabeth was born June 21, 1922 in Savannah; and Jackson Baker was born October 23, 1928 in Savannah.

Philip Robert Yonge, Jr. graduated from Carlisle Military Academy in Bamberg, South Carolina in 1937. He served four years as Captain in the U.S. Army with the 5th Division, General Patton's 3rd Army. He received the Bronze Star for distinguished service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the European theater of war and the Purple Heart when he was wounded in action in Luxembourg, Germany. He is now manager of the General Electric Supply Company in Savannah. On December 5, 1942 in Columbus, Georgia Philip Robert was married to Ruth Eloise Baggett of Dublin, Georgia. Philip Robert Yonge III was born July 30, 1948 in Savannah.

Cecil Lilla Yonge married Theodore Narvin Page of Savannah on February 12, 1939.

Their three children were born in Savannah: Linda Gale- June 2, 1940; Elizabeth Nan- August 4, 1943; Theodore Marvin, Jr.- September 16, 1954.

Evola Elizabeth Yonge married Edwin Lovell Schirm, Jr. of Savannah August 7, 1948. Edwin Lovell Schirm III was born May 24, 1949 in Atlanta. Stevens Brady Schirm was born September 20, 1954 in Savannah.

Jackson Baker Yonge graduated from Alabama Polytechnic Institute with a degree of Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering, in the class of August 25, 1951. He served with the army for two years as 1st Lt. in the Tank Corps - was in Germany one year. He is now employed as mechanical engineer for the Southern Railway Company. On September 24, 1950 he married Ruby Rebecca Hudson of Columbus, Georgia. Their daughter, Janet Rebecca, was born in Columbus on January 5, 1955. Jackson Strong Yonge arrived August 13, 1956 in Knoxville.

CECIL STRONG married ALLEN JACKSON MCDONALD of Lynn, Florida on March 20, 1912 in Ocala, Florida. Allen died January 6, 1934 and on April 7, 1937 Cecil married JOHN WARDLAW RABB of Pine Apple, Alabama. Cecil has no children.

EULA ANN HENRIETTA STRONG was born February 21, 1866. She married THOMAS J. PROSSER, born February 14, 1869 to Margaret Ezell and James A. Prosser of Baldwin County. A daughter, Tommie, and a son, Robbie were born to them. Thomas J. Prosser died August 28, 1894. Robbie died September 17, 1894, and Tommie died November 26, 1894 - all of typhoid fever. Eula Prosser died March 27, 1895. They are buried in Prosser Cemetery in Washington County, Ga.

CHARLES SOLOMAN STRONG, ninth child of Eliza Stevens and John Strong, was born September 13, 1869. His daughter, Mrs. Blanche Hobbs, wrote the following about her family:

My father, Charles Soloman Strong, married Margaret Kent December 6, 1894. He died in Hall County, Georgia July 5, 1941. They were married in Columbus, Georgia. Then he operated a tannery in Atlanta for many years. When it burned he moved to Duluth, Georgia and opened a tannery. When it burned, he opened one in Lawrenceville. In 1914 he began traveling for a New York leather firm and moved to Decatur, Georgia in 1916. In 1919 because of a physical breakdown he moved to Hall County where he resided until his death.

He had a great love for people and he was "one who could walk with kings and not lose the common touch". Men loved him for his kindness of heart, undaunted spirit, and love of God. He was a member of the Methodist Church, a Mason, and was elected to the Georgia State Legislature from Hall County in 1932.

His descendants are Mary, Charles, Blanche, and Warner.

MARY AMANDA STRONG, born August 3, 1897, attended La Grange and Agnes Scott Colleges. On June 29, 1919 she married JOHN LEWIS LONGLEY. They now live in Knoxville, Tennessee. Their two sons are John Lewis, Jr. and Charles Strong.

John Lewis Longley, Jr. was born July 21, 1920 and married Carolyn Knox on November 29, 1942. John is now Dr. John Longley, Professor of Languages at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Va. He and Carolyn have two children - Michaela Carol, born November 12, 1946, and John Lewis III, born October 23, 1949.



ELIZA STEVENS STRONG
Daughter of Bartley & Betsy Stevens



Barry Alexander & Helena E. Strong
Son of Eliza & J. H. Strong



CECIL & EVOLA STRONG
Daughters of Berry & Helena Strong



EVOLA STRONG YONGE
(left to right)
Cecil Lilla, Jackson, Philip,
and Evola Elizabeth



CHARLES SOLOMAN STRONG I
Son of Eliza Stevens & J. H. Strong



CHARLES IV, CHARLES II, CHARLES III

Charles Strong Longley, born February 24, 1924, is a graduate of Georgia Tech and is now with the G&F Steel Company in Atlanta. On August 17, 1945 he married Frances Robinson and they have two children- Charles Strong, Jr., born July 27, 1947, and Frances Robinson (Robin), born August 9, 1949.

CHARLES SOLOMAN STRONG, JR. was born September 5, 1899 and is a graduate of Tennessee Military Institute. He and his wife, Vallie Hulsey Strong, have four children: Mary Evelyn, Margaret Leonora, Jimmie Hulsey, and Charles Soloman III.

Mary Evelyn Strong, graduate of the University of Georgia, married Joseph Conley who is a graduate of the Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. They had three children- Joe, age seven, Bob, age five, and Bill, age two. Bob died in April 1956 of leukemia. They live in Selma, Alabama where Joseph is employed by the Southern Baptist Mission Board.

Margaret Leonora Strong, born February 24, 1924, married Gregory Hunnicut in September 1943. Margaret is a graduate of Atlanta Business College and now lives in Dalton, Georgia where her husband is a dentist. They have two sons- Gregory Jr., age ten, and Charles Strong, age eight.

Jimmie Hulsey Strong, born January 29, 1926, married John Turner. She is graduate of Brenau College. They now live in Brooksville, Florida where John is a mortician. They have one son, John Sherrod, age six.

Charles Soloman Strong III, born January 19, 1933, married Gloria Harley April 1951. They have two sons- Charles Soloman Strong IV, born in March 1953 and John Christopher, born in October 1955. Having just finished two years service in the army, Charles III is now associated with his father in business American Surgical Supply Company in Atlanta.

BLANCHE ELIZA STRONG, born September 2, 1908, married RALPH HOBBS July 4, 1931. They reside in Cataula, Georgia where Ralph is in the lumber business. They have no children but Blanche has been very active in P.T.A. work and has been nominated national vice-president from Region III, composed of Tennessee, North Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida. At a local level, Blanche has held all offices in the Cataula PTA and through the years has served as chairman of all committees. She has been Zone Chairman for five years; director of Fifth District Division 1944-49; President of Harris County Council of PTA 1950-52. At state level she has: served as chairman of committee on Congress Publications and Nat'l Parent-Teacher Magazine 1942-44; Chairman of committee on Legislation 1952-55; member of Committee on Budget, Georgia Headquarters Committee, Legislation Program Committee, and a member of the editorial staff of Georgia Parent-Teacher Bulletin; life member of Georgia Congress of Parents and Teachers; founder of the Alice McLellan Birney Endowment Fund of Georgia Congress. Mrs. Hobbs has served as a member of panels at the national conventions of 1950, 52; 53; 54; and 55. She was asked by the NEA to present the "Georgia Story" to the Rural Education Section at their national convention in 1953. She has represented the National Congress at state conventions of North Carolina, Iowa, Maine, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. She participated in the 1953 convention of the South Carolina Congress and in the 1955 Summer Institute. She was guest speaker for the Fourth District of the Alabama Congress at their 1954 meeting and for the Montgomery County Council School of Instruction in 1955. She represented the National Congress at the National School Public Relations Work Shop held at Lake Forest, Illinois in 1955. She has been serving as chairman of the committee on Publicity for the

National Congress since 1952; and is a life member of the National Congress of parents and Teachers. Among her other activities she has served various chairmanships in the Federated Women's Club, American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, Regent of George Walton DAR chapter 1945-47. She was appointed by the Governor as state chairman for the Midcentury White House Conference in 1949 and in 1955 as a member of the State White House Conference Committee. She is serving a three-year term on the Public Relations Committee of the Georgia Education Association. She was made an Honorary Life Member of the GEA in 1951 and of the State Future Home Makers organization in 1951. She was selected by the Business and Professional Women's Club of Columbus in 1953 as one of their ten top-flight women in the state. She is the only woman to have been president of her college alumni association and was one of the ten high honor graduates in her class. She has specialized in the field of dramatics and music. She taught in the elementary and high schools of her state from 1927 to 1934. She is director of young people's work in her church and teacher of an intermediate class of boys and girls in the church school. She is a member of the Harris County Health Councils and has served as a member of the board of Laymen for the City Hospital School of Nursing from 1950-53. She is a member of the state school lunch room committee. She is a trustee of the Harris County Negro Betterment Association.

WARNER MARGARET STRONG, was born July 24, 1911 and attended Young Harris College. In October 1939 she married JOSEPH EDWARD LEE, a graduate of Martha Berry School. They have two children- Carolyn Margaret, born February 18, 1944, and Joseph Edward, Jr., born March 10, 1948. They live in Marietta, Georgia and Warner is a teacher in the Cobb County schools. (Warner also attended Georgia State College for Women in Milledgeville.)

WILLIAM M. STEVENS

William M. Stevens, third child of Bartley and Elizabeth Fountain Stevens, was born May 21, 1837 in Wilkinson County and died August 9, 1909 in Macon. On March 6, 1862 he married Martha Ann Gay, daughter of Solomon and Hannah Cureton Gay of Putnam County. She was born June 15, 1831 and died June 30, 1884. She is buried in Gordon Cemetery. They had only one child, Ella Case.

The following is a copy of a clipping from a Macon paper of August 10, 1909:

DEATHS & FUNERALS STEVENS

Mr. W.M. Stevens died at his residence, 669 Mulberry Street, yesterday afternoon after a long illness. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 4 o'clock, Rev. T.D. Ellis officiating. Interment at Riverside.

Mr. Stevens is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. L.C. Tomlinson of Gordon, and a brother Mr. B.I. Stevens of Irwinton.

He was born in Sumter County, and at the age of 17 entered the service of the Central Railroad, when the late Wm. M. Wadley was at the head of the company. For thirty-two years he was in the service of that company, and it was under his supervision that many miles of track on the main line and the branches were built. Between Mr. Stevens and Mr. Wadley there was a strong attachment, being warm friends up to the time of the latter's death. After his long service with the Central, Mr. Stevens went with Capt. W.G. Raoul to Mexico,

but he remained there only one year, coming back to go into business with Mr. Wadley in building the line from Rogers to Stillmore. After completion of that line, he returned to Macon and went into the livery business, and then left here to engage in farming near Gordon, remaining there for seven years. Finding his health failing, he came to Macon and retired from business.

Those who were close to Mr. Stevens, who constantly came in contact with him in either a business or social way, speak of him as a man of irreproachable character, of the strictest integrity, and no man had a better friend. He was a good citizen in all that the term implies, and one of the few who held the respect and esteem of his fellow-men as an honest man, whose word was as good as his bond.

At the funeral this afternoon the following friends will act as pallbearers: Dr. J.H. Heard, Judge F. Chambers, Messrs. J.F. Heard, T.R. Ayers, Chas. Wachtel, A.H. Rice, John Rousch, and R.L. Henry.

ELLA CASE STEVENS, only child of W.M. and Martha Ann Gay Stevens, was born December 24, 1865 and graduated from Wesleyan College in 1884. On February 19, 1885 she was married to LUCIUS CABEL TOMLINSON in Gordon. Their five children were all born in Eatonton but they lived most of the time in Gordon. Lucius Cabel Tomlinson - born August 21, 1852 in Clinch County, Georgia - died in Gordon October 29, 1927. Ella Case Stevens Tomlinson died June 3, 1951 at the home of her daughter, Sara Irby, in Savannah but is buried in Gordon.

WILLIAM STEVENS TOMLINSON, first child of Ella and L.C. Tomlinson, was born January 9, 1886 and died March 15, 1945. He is buried in Mountain View Cemetery, Marietta, Georgia. On October 6, 1912 he was married to Lillian Bentley of Eagle Lake, Texas. Daughter of Charles Wesley and Sarah Frances McNeely, she was born October 6, 1889 and died July 18, 1943. She is also buried in Mountain View. Their three children are: Sara Frances, born September 21, 1913; Mary Anne, born October 2, 1921; and Lillian Bentley, born August 1, 1923.

Sara Frances Tomlinson married Charles Oliphant on July 5, 1940. Son of Leonard R. and Margie Jones Oliphant, he was born October 21, 1908. Sara and Charles Oliphant have two children - Patricia Anne, born October 5, 1943, and Sara Gayle, born May 18, 1947 - and live in Marietta.

Mary Anne Tomlinson married Earl Dawson Caldwell, Jr., son of Earl Dawson and Frances Lucile Hayes Caldwell. Their children are: Earl Dawson III, born November 2, 1941; Stevens Tomlinson, born January 29, 1946; Susan Elizabeth, born May 25, 1948; and Edith Lillian, born October 14, 1949. They live in Greenwood, South Carolina.

Lillian Bentley Tomlinson married Stanley Gantt on January 26, 1946. Born September 3, 1918, he is the son of Louise Lance and Jesse Newton Gantt. They have no children and are living in Houston, Texas.

LUCIUS CABEL TOMLINSON was born July 9, 1888 and died July 2, 1889.

MATTIE GAY TOMLINSON was born May 21, 1890 and died in Macon July 16, 1951. On July 14, 1909 she was married to JAMES WARREN LEE, son of Elizabeth Mollic Oliphant and Walter Washington Lee of Wilkinson County. He was born February 4, 1882 and died January 10, 1956. Both are buried in Riverside Cemetery, Macon.

Mattie Gay and James Warren Lee had one child, Malene Gay, who was born on April 19, 1910.

Malene Gay Lee married Charles Crawford Morgan (Born June 12, 1897) on December 16, 1942. They have no children. Their home is in Macon.

SARA REBECCA TOMLINSON, born February 22, 1899, married WILSON LUMPKIN DAVIS IRBY April 7, 1916. He was born May 5, 1891, son of Coleman and Sarah Ann (Davis) Irby. They live in Savannah and have two daughters. Sara Eleanor was born April 15, 1919 and is married. Martha Gay, born June 28, 1920, is unmarried.

Sara Eleanor Irby married Joseph Ambrose Whittle of Brunswick, Georgia on September 1, 1941. His birthdate is December 3, 1919. Their son Joe, Jr., was born April 2, 1948. They live in Brunswick.

JOHN SHERROD TOMLINSON was born October 1, 1903. On March 31, 1928 he married Eva Elizabeth Moor. She was born June 20, 1906, daughter of Eva Frey and Arthur Fisk Moor of Marietta. Sherrod and Elizabeth live in Marietta.

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Now the property of granddaughter, Sara Tomlinson Irby,
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Marriages

W.M. Stevens and Miss Martha Ann Gay were married March 6, 1862
W.M. Stevens and Miss Rebecca Hughs were married October 22, 1885
Lucius C. Tomlinson and Ella C. Stevens were married in Gordon, Georgia.
February 19th, 1885

Births

William Stevens was born May 21, 1837
Martha Ann C. Stevens was born June 15, 1831
Ella Case Stevens, daughter of W.M. and Martha A.C. Stevens, was born
December 24, 1865
Rebecca Hughs was born June 5, 1848
Lucius Tomlinson was born August 21st, 1852
William Stevens Tomlinson, son of Lucius and Ella Tomlinson, was born
January 9th, 1886
Lucius Cable, son of L.C. and Ella Tomlinson, was born July 9th, 1888
Mattie Gay, daughter of L.C. and Ella Tomlinson, was born May 21, 1890
Sara Rebecca Tomlinson was born February 22, 1899
John Sherrod Tomlinson, son of L.C. and Ella Tomlinson, born Oct. 1st, 1903

Mary W. Stevens, daughter of Bartley and Elizabeth Stevens, was born June 21, 1843
Bartley Stevens was born 19th October 1845
Bartley Stevens, father of W.M. Stevens was born July 26th, 1788
Elizabeth Stevens, mother of W.M. Stevens, was born April 17th, 1809
James Stevens, son of Bartley and Elizabeth Stevens, was born August 20, 1828
Nancy Stevens was born April 16th, 1831
Eliza Ann Stevens was born April 5th, 1833
Elizabeth Stevens was born 6th February, 1841

Deaths

Bartly Stevens died April 26th 1860

Elizabeth Stevens died February 2nd, 1895.

(Bartly Stevens was 71 years & 9 months to a day when he died)

(Elizabeth Stevens was 85 years, 9 months, 15 days when she died)

Soloman Gay died June 19th, 1862

Hannah Gay, consort of Solomon Gay, died Sept. 8, 1855

Henry R. Gay died in Va. Oct. 14th, 1863

Newspaper clipping: "Casualty in Myrick Volunteers- On the 14th inst. in the engagement at Bristo Station, near Manassas, Private H.R. Gay, of Capt. Conn's Company, was so severely wounded by a piece of shell that he expired in a few hours. "

Mrs. Martha Stevens, wife of W.M. Stevens, and mother of Ella C. Stevens, died in Macon, Georgia, June 30th, 1884.

Lucius Cable, son of L.C. and Ella Tomlinson, died in Eatonton July 2nd, 1889

Wm. M. Stevens, husband of Rebecca Stevens and father of Ella Tomlinson, died August 9, 1909

Rebecca Hughs Stevens died May 5, 1934.

(Data on Wm. Stevens family submitted by Mrs. Sherrod Tomlinson).

ELIZABETH STEVENS

Elizabeth Stevens, fourth child of Bartley and Elizabeth Fountain, was born February 6, 1841 in Wilkinson County. She was married to William McDaniel of Jefferson County July 1, 1860. He was born March 21, 1836, son of Hial and Jane Black McDaniel of Jefferson County. Both Elizabeth and William joined the Methodist Church in September 1860. William McDaniel enlisted in the Confederate Army May 3, 1862 as a member of Co. D, 57th Regiment, Georgia Volunteer Infantry, Wilkinson County. He was captured at Vicksburg on July 4, 1863 and exchanged. After his return home he owned and operated a farm, a country store, and a cotton gin a few miles from Gordon. William McDaniel died October 22, 1906 and Elizabeth Stevens McDaniel died October 5, 1910. Both are buried in the Gordon Cemetery.

William and Elizabeth Stevens McDaniel raised a family of eleven children: Emma Elizabeth, William Washington, James Griffin, Julius Augustus, Ora Bartley, Oscar Louis, Mary Ella, Mackie Lee, Beatrice Belle, Sibyl Ada, and Lilla Bay.

EMMA ELIZABETH MCDANIEL was born October 11, 1861 and married LUCIUS MIRABEAU HALL December 25, 1883. He was born March 4, 1855, the son of Andrew Jackson and Frances Prosser Hall of Baldwin County. They were members of the Matilda Chapel Methodist Church at Stevens Pottery, moving their membership from Beaver Creek Church in Wilkinson County when the church was dissolved in 1901. Their home was in south Baldwin County. L.M. Hall was a farmer, a produce and fruit grower. He was also a wholesale buyer of produce for out-of-state firms. At one time he operated a saw mill in conjunction with his farming. In 1912-13 he and his son, W.W. Hall, owned and operated a meat market in Dublin, Georgia, but his love for the land brough him back to his farm .

L.M. and Emma Elizabeth McDaniel Hall had five children: William Walter, Elizabeth Bernell, James Fred, Lucius Ernest, and Mabel Beatrice. L.M. died December 8, 1934 and Emma Elizabeth died July 6, 1946.

WILLIAM WALTER HALL was born January 15, 1885. He married Mrs. Carrie Wood July 19, 1911. She was born September 9, 1889 in Baldwin County, the daughter of Charlie and Nannie (Martin) Etheridge. Carrie had a son- Edgar Kindrell Wood- by her first marriage, and she and Walter have one daughter Wilmuth. Walter and Carrie are members of the Union Hill Methodist Church, Baldwin Co. Walter is a retired employee of Sinclair Refining Company and is a farmer. Their address is Rt.#2, Gordon, Georgia.

Edgar Kindrell Wood, born September 24, 1908 in Baldwin County, married Evelyn Brantley of Wilkinson. He holds a responsible position with Edgar Brothers Kaolin Company at McIntyre. They are active members of the Christian Church at Oconee, Georgia. They have four children: Edgar, Jr., Faye, Morris, and Paul.

Edgar Kindrell, Jr. (Kinney) was born May 13, 1930 in Wilkinson County. He graduated from Tennille High School in 1947, from Georgia Military College in 1949, and from Annapolis Naval Academy in 1953. He married Betty Webb of Annapolis in 1953 and has one child.

Faye Wood was born May 9, 1932. She graduated from Irwinton High School in 1949 and from G.S.C.W. in 1953. She married Dean Jordan Leonard of Sandersville, Georgia September 26, 1953.

Morris Wood, born July 28, 1933, graduated from Wilkinson Co. High School in 1950. He is also a graduate of Georgia Military College and will enter theological college in 1956. He married Winifred Mason of McIntyre.

Paul Wood, born June 31, 1938, graduated from Wilkinson Co. High School 1956 and is entering Georgia Tech in September 1956.

Wilmuth Hall graduated from Gordon High School in 1929 and from State School of Nursing in 1936. While connected with a hospital in St. Augustine, Fla. she met Richard C. Stubbs of the U.S. Navy. They married June 11, 1941 and their daughter Carolyn Emma was born June 29, 1942 in Jacksonville, Florida. Carolyn Emma is a direct descendant of John Hart, signer of the Declaration of Independence - a granddaughter, sixth removed.

Richard Stubbs is the son of Louis and Emma (Steffy) Stubbs of York, Pennsylvania. He is A.D.C., U.S. Navy; is a member of Accomack Lodge 243 at Chincoteague, Virginia, a 32° Mason, Pensacola Consistory, Valley of Pensacola Orient of Florida. He is a naval recruiting officer and their present address is 135 Adamson Drive, Carrollton, Georgia.

ELIZABETH BERNELL HALL was born March 9, 1887 in Baldwin County. She married JAMES MONROE LEE January 3, 1909. He was born February 5, 1888, son of John and Lizzie (Butler) Lee. He was a farmer, dealer in produce and cattle. He died at his home in Coopers, Georgia January 28, 1940 and is buried in Coopers Baptist Church Cemetery. Elizabeth lives at 331 Montgomery Street, Milledgeville. The six children of J.M and Elizabeth (Hall) Lee are: Winfred Eugene, Emily Evelyn, Maude Elizabeth, Ruby Maurie, James Cecil, and Harold.

Winfred Eugene Lee was born November 6, 1909 in Baldwin County. He graduated from Georgia Military College in 1928 and married Florence Smith of Milledgeville. She was born August 20, 1916, daughter of Ethel Beck and Charles Smith. They have one child, Barbara Fulghum, born October 20, 1939. They are members



ELIZABETH STEVENS McDANIEL
Daughter of Bartley & Betsy Stevens



EMMA ELIZABETH McDANIEL HALL
Daughter of Elizabeth Stevens McDaniel



MABEL HALL McDANIEL
Daughter of Emma McDaniel Hall



JEAN WYNELLE McDANIEL
Daughter of Mabel Hall McDaniel



FRED HALL



Sibyl, Beatrice, Lilla
Ella, and Emma McDaniel



WALTER HALL



Carrie Hall, Van McDaniel, Vira Hall
Emma McDaniel Hall



JEAN McDANIEL



CAROLYN EMMA STUBBS



Van & Mabel Hall McDaniel



Edgar Wood Walter Hall
Mabel Hall McDaniel Carolyn Emma Stubbs



ELIZABETH HALL LEE
Daughter of Emma McDaniel & M. L. Hall



EVELYN LEE (Mrs. W. T.) THOMPSON
Daughter of Elizabeth Hall Lee



HAROLD H. LEE
Son of Elizabeth Hall Lee



W. T. THOMPSON



CECILE THOMPSON
Daughter of Evelyn Lee Thompson



LENNA THOMPSON
Daughter of Evelyn Lee Thompson

of the Baptist Church. He is with the Georgia State Forestry Commission, and their address in Newnan, Georgia.

Emily Evelyn Lee was born February 17, 1911. She graduated from the high school department of Georgia Military College in 1930 and had finished her junior year at G.S.C.W. when she married William Tanner Thompson of Milledgeville on August 15, 1933. She graduated from G.S.C.W. with a B.S. degree in Home Economics in 1947 and went back for a major in elementary education in 1953. She has taught third and fourth grades at Union Point School in Milledgeville for four years. She is a member of the First Methodist Church, Hallie Smith S.S. Class, Wesley Guild, P.T.A., Milledgeville Garden Club and Vinson Heights Garden Club (has won Leone Silver Cup two years for most points in flower show), is a member of Home Demonstration Club, a Scout leader for four years, and a member of the Council for four years.

William Tanner Thompson was born December 9, 1909 in Milledgeville, son of Homer E. and Maggie (Tanner) Thompson of Washington Co. He graduated from Georgia Military College in 1930. He was captain of Company C two years and captain of the rifle team one year. He was battalion major one year and won the Randolph Hurst Trophy on the Rifle Team. He was in the National Guards and attended Camp Perry National Rifle Matches as a member of the Georgia National Guard Team. He rose to rank of 1st Lieutenant. He is a member of the Methodist Church; is on the Board of Stewards; was President of the Sunday School one year and Secretary two years; was president of the Men's Club two years. He is High Priest, Temple Chapter No. 6, Masonic Lodge. He has been employed by Georgia Power Company for eleven years.

William and Evelyn have two children - Glenna Lee and Harolyn Cecile - and live at 55 Vinson Heights, Milledgeville.

Glenna Lee Thompson completed her junior year at Peabody High School in 1956. She is a member of the First Methodist Church and a member of the Church Choir as well as of the school choir. She has been art editor of the school annual for two years and reporter for the school paper for two years. She is a Girl Scout. An art student of Frank Herring, she has attended Art Camp at Burnsville, S.C. two summers. Her painting won in 6th District for two years and for state in 1955. She is a student of piano and is a member of Beta Club and of Vocal Ensemble.

Harolyn Cecile completed the sixth grade in 1956. She too is a member of the First Methodist Church, S.S. Class and M.Y.F., a Girl Scout member, and a member of Teenage Dance Club. She is a student of piano, ballet, and tap.

Elizabeth Lee was born November 16, 1912 in Baldwin County. She graduated from Peabody School in 1931 and married Eugene E. Lavender June 4, 1932. He was born January 13, 1911 in Jones County, son of Luther and Maggie (Stevens) Lavender. They are members of Morningside Baptist Church in Atlanta, and Eugene is a member of the church choir and assistant choirister of his Sunday School class. He graduated from Georgia Military College with second highest honors and was elected most intellectual pupil of the entire G.M.C. body in his junior year. He was a member of the G.M.C. Band for four years. He is a Royal Arch Mason, and is employed by Willys Motor Company as District Manager. They have two sons - Wendell Eugene and Kenneth Brien - and live at 845 Penn Ave., N.E. Atlanta.

Wendell Eugene Lavender was born January 19, 1934 in Sandersville, Georgia. In 1936 he won first place in a Baby Beauty Contest, sponsored by the Women's Club. He was a Cub Scout and a Boy Scout. He graduated from Henry Grady High School in Atlanta in 1951. While he was in high school he was a member of the Radio Club and in 1951 won the radio announcing contest sponsored by W.B.G.E. among all the high schools in Atlanta. He entered Georgia Tech in 1951 and graduated in 1955 as electrical engineer. In June of 1955 he entered R.C.A. Training School in a class of ninety-seven. He was second to the top in the class. On December 28, 1954, Wendell married Janet Elsie Sparling of Atlanta. She was born in Canada September 5, 1934. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Sparling live in Caro, Michigan. Janet was reservation control agent for Delta C. & S. Airlines in Atlanta when she married. Wendell is employed by R.C.A. in Camden, N.J. They have one child, Elsie Karen, born November 14, 1955.

Kenneth Brien Lavender was born January 28, 1940 in Milledgeville. He was a Cub Scout and is a Boy Scout, a member of Junior Achievements, sponsored by business firms of Atlanta, a member of the Y.M.C.A. and of Morningside Baptist Church. He is a Junior in Henry Grady High School and a member of the Music Club. He will enter Emory in 1958 to study medicine.

Maurie Lee was born January 25, 1914. She graduated from Peabody High School in 1931 and received her Normal Diploma from G.S.C.W. June 1933. On July 4, 1933 she married Paul H. Bynum of Atlanta. She took a business course in 1942 and worked in the offices of Southern R.R. in Atlanta for five years. She is a member of the Gordon Street Presbyterian Church and is an active worker in the Sunday School and is chairman of the Home Circle. She is a member of the Cascade Woman's Club and of Cascade Garden Club.

Paul Bynum was born May 6, 1906 in Boaz, Alabama, son of William Hampton and Susan Florence Bradford Bynum. (His father was born in Blount County, Alabama and his mother in Gwinnett County, Georgia.) Paul attended Boaz Seminary and studied art at Chicago Art School. He is Past Master of Masons; a member of the American Legion, playing in the Legion of Honor Band; a member of the Drum and Bugle Corps of the Shrine; a member of the Elks Club; a member of the Adams Park Civic Club; a deacon in the Presbyterian Church, a member of the Contact Club, and an officer in the Men's Bible Class. He served three years during World War II as a Seabee, P.T.R. 2/c of 72nd N.C.B. Co. C. 3 and was in the Pacific for two years. He has been in the paint business for over twenty-five years and is sole owner of Paul Bynum Paint and Supply Store in Atlanta.

Paul and Maurie live at 1364 Willis Mill Rd, S.W., Atlanta with their daughter Paula Kathryn who was born June 26, 1948.

James Cecil Lee was born April 13, 1919. A graduate of G.M.C. he was 1st. Lt. from 1940 to 1946 with Patten's 3rd Army in E.T.O. He fought under Eisenhower and received the Purple Heart. On April 1, 1943 he was married to Frances McCoy of South Carolina. They have two sons- James Cecil, Jr., born Feb. 15, 1947 and George, born May 8, 1951. They are members of the Lutheran Church and live in Columbia, S.C. where James Cecil is connected with the Banker's Life Casualty Company.

Harold Hall Lee, born January 25, 1922, graduated from Midway Vocational High School in 1940. During W.W. II he served as sergeant in 380th Air Squadron of 9th Air Force. He is employed at Naval Ordnance Plant in Macon.

JAMES FRED HALL was born July 16, 1889. He graduated from Southern Dental College in Atlanta May 15, 1913. He entered the army October 17, 1917 as First Lieutenant and served in the Dental Corps attached to 319th Artillery, 82nd Division. He was discharged as Captain June 10, 1919 and was a Major in the Reserves for twenty years. He was married to Vira Lee Lewis of Waycross December 14, 1922. She was born June 11, 1903 in High Springs, Florida, daughter of Moses Cornelius and Carrie Belle (Tindall) Lewis. They are members of Matilda Chapel Methodist Church at Stevens Pottery. He is Past Commander, Post 6, Milledgeville, Past Chef de Gare La Societe Des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux, Milledgeville. Fred and Vira Lee had no children of their own but have an adopted son, Lewis Summerlin Hall.

Lewis Summerlin Hall, born in Washington County, March 13, 1931, graduated from G.M.C. Junior College in 1949. He received a B.S. degree in Physics in 1953 and an M.S. in 1954 from the University of Georgia. He is a member of Sigma Pi Sigma, national honorary physics fraternity, Pi Mu Epsilon, mathematics fraternity, and is an associate member of Sigma Xi, national honorary research fraternity. He is employed by E.I. Dupont de Nemours Co. Savannah Project, Aiken, S.C. as a physicist. Lewis married Jean Dees from Daytona Beach, Florida August 13, 1954 and they have a daughter, Brenda Lee, born June 11, 1955. Their address is 122 Summer St., Aiken, S.C.

LUCIUS ERNEST HALL was born July 27, 1891. He joined Matilda Chapel Methodist Church at Stevens Pottery October 1901. He died September 26, 1902 and is buried in the church cemetery.

MABEL BEATRICE HALL was born November 16, 1896 in Baldwin County. She married HENRY VAN MCDANIEL on November 25, 1925. He was born March 13, 1894 in Jefferson County, son of William and Luella (McDaniel) McDaniel. (Although his parents bore the same surname, they were not related.) They are members of Centenary Methodist Church and Worker's Class S.S. He is an acetylene operator in the C. of Ga. R.R. shops in Macon and is a member of the International Association of Machinists, Lodge No. 8, Macon. Mabel and Van have one daughter, Jean Wynelle, and live at 1262 College Place, Macon.

Jean Wynelle McDaniel was born March 25, 1930 in Macon. She began and finished her grammar school work at Alexander #2 School and spent her freshman and sophomore years at Lanier Junior High for Girls. She graduated from Miller Senior for Girls in 1947. She was a member of the Junior Y and the Library Club, was library assistant, advertising manager for the annual, and was a member and Scribe of Beta Omega Lambda. She graduated from Mercer University in 1951 with an A.B. degree. She was a member of Wesley Foundation and Kappa Delta Epsilon, Profession Education Fraternity. She taught at the Virgil Powers School 1951-52 and has been Travel Counselor for the American Automobile Association in Macon since 1953. She is a member of Centenary Methodist Church and is past president of Epworth League and of her Sunday School class.

WILLIAM WASHINGTON MCDANIEL, second child of Elizabeth Stevens and William McDaniel, was born April 22, 1864 in Wilkinson County. He married Annie Darnell from Iverness, Alabama. They lived in Dothan, Alabama where he was supervisor of the Southwest Division of C. of Ga. RR. He died June 19, 1913 and is buried in Gordon. They had five children: FRED, who is a retired naval doctor and lives in Alexandria, Va.; FRANK, who settled in Los Angeles and has a son and a daughter; MATTIE ZOE, born April 28, 1895 and died October 26, 1897; ELIZABETH- married Frank Lee of the U.S. Army; and PAUL who

is married and lives in Philadelphia.

JAMES GRIFFIN MCDANIEL was born August 11, 1866 and died August 17, 1889. He is buried in Gordon. After his death a paper with the following was found among his things:

RULES THAT I HAVE VOWED TO KEEP

- 1st Read your Bible and heed what you read.
- 2nd Keep no bad company.
- 3rd Let strong drink alone.
- 4th Never be idle; improve all your spare moments.
- 5th Speak evil of no one.
- 6th Attend only to your own business.
- 7th Keep your own secrets.
- 8th Do no harm to anyone.
- 9th Be kind to everyone.
- 10th Never take anything that doesn't belong to you.
- 11th Put your trust in God.
- 12th. Strive to serve God with all your heart
- 13th Always speak the truth.
- 14th Always keep your promise if possible.
- 15th Always do your best.

Fifteen of these little rules and may the Lord help me keep and follow them is my earnest wish and prayer.

JULIUS AUGUSTUS MCDANIEL was born February 21, 1868 and died November 12, 1942. He was married to Ophelia Kennington, daughter of Jim and Drucilla (Balcom) Kennington of Wilkinson County. She was born December 28, 1873 and died July 9, 1949. Both are buried in Riverside Cemetery, Macon. Julius owned and operated McDaniel Hardware Store in Macon. Both were members of the Methodist Church. Their children were: LEONARD, LIZZIE BELLE, ETHEL, and ROY.

LEONARD MCDANIEL, born September 6, 1894, married Lala McCook of Wilkinson County December 18, 1915. She was born May 19, 1899. He is an engineer for C. of Ga. R.R. They have two children: Margaret Frances and Fleta Agnes.

Margaret Frances McDaniel, born February 10, 1918, graduated from high school and then married O. Lynn Utley of Macon June 23, 1941. He was born in Lonoke County, Arkansas July 25, 1918. They are members of the Centenary Methodist Church where he is superintendent of the Sunday School. He is an electrical engineer and they live at 2566 Huntington Drive with their three children - Marlyn, born July 26, 1942; Joyce Geonene, born June 5, 1949; and Cathy Lynn, born November 19, 1951.

Fleta Agnes McDaniel, born January 2, 1921, graduated from Gordon High School in 1937 and was president of her class. She graduated from G.A.B. School of Commerce in Macon 1939. She worked for B.F. Goodrich Company in Macon 1939-41, for Intercommunications Division, State Dept., Washington, D.C. 1941-42, and in the Transportation Dept., Robins Air Force Base, 1942-49. She was president of Macon Credit Women's Club 1948. On March 17, 1945 Fleta Agnes was married to Alton Jacob Huser who was born in Berne, Indiana March 2, 1917. He is an Internal Revenue Agent and they live at 1922 Northbrook Avenue, Macon with their two children: Aleta Nancy, born April 16, 1950 and Alton Jacob (Jay), born August 5, 1953. Their second child Janet Susan was born May 27, 1952 and died

April 21, 1955. Fleta and Alton are members of the Centenary Methodist Church.

LIZZIE BELLE MCDANIEL was born February 22, 1898. She married CLARK REID of Twiggs County at her home in Macon June 4, 1917. They had two children, Clark, Jr. and Elizabeth. Lizzie Belle died August 11, 1920 and is buried in Riverside Cemetery.

ETHEL MCDANIEL was born October 30, 1901. She first married DEWEY WARD and had a daughter, Helen. Her second marriage was to RALPH LONG of Bibb County on October 31, 1931. They live in Dania, Florida.

Helen Ward was born in Macon in 1920. Her first marriage was to Lester Collins of Macon. Her second was to Jack Mauro. They have an adopted son, Tony, and live in Ft. Lauderdale.

ROY MCDANIEL died in infancy.

ORA BARTLEY MCDANIEL, fifth child of Elizabeth Stevens and William McDaniel, was born January 18, 1870 and married Ida Stone of Union Springs, Alabama. Ora died in Macon April 29, 1899 and is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery. Ida died in Columbus, Georgia and is buried there. They had two children, CLAUDE and HAZEL.

CLAUDE MCDANIEL married Mame _____ of Eastman, Georgia and they have a daughter. They live in Orlando, Florida.

HAZEL MCDANIEL married PAUL GREEN in Macon July 20, 1915. They have two daughters and live in Columbus where Paul is an engineer for C. of Ga. R.R.

OSCAR LOUIS MCDANIEL was born October 13, 1872. He married Lizzie Hardie of Wilkinson County March 29, 1898. She was born May 5, 1878. They had five children: MINNIE, MARIE ESTELLE (born June 27, 1901; died May 3, 1902), EDGAR LEON, MARY WILLIE, and LONNIE who died in infancy. They were members of the Baptist church. Oscar was a farmer and owner of a mercantile business. At one time he owned a store in Cadwell, Georgia. Lizzie Hardie McDaniel died in Bleckley County, Georgia January 25, 1945. He died in Belvedere, S.C. March 5, 1955. Both are buried in Ft. Hill Cemetery, Macon.

MINNIE had a severe illness when a baby which resulted in permanent injury to the brain. She has been confined to an institution since childhood.

EDGAR LEON, born December 2, 1904, married Alma Fellows of Chester, Ga. on December 24, 1924. She was born December 24, 1904. They have four children: Edgar Leon, Willie James, Sara Elizabeth, and Carlton.

Edgar Leon McDaniel, Jr. was born September 29, 1925. He married Retia Austina Woodcock from Savannah February 14, 1948. She was born October 22, 1923. They have two children: Gloria Austina, born November 13, 1948, and Clarence Milton, born October 27, 1949.

Willie James McDaniel, born August 20, 1927, in Cochran, Georgia, married Dorothy Naomi Stewart of Lyons, Ga. She was born May 26, 1933. They have one child, Jerry Blaine, born September 20, 1955. They are members of the Baptist Church and live in Belvedere, S.C. Their wedding date is June 15, 1952.

Sara Elizabeth McDaniel was born December 2, 1929 in Cochran, Georgia. On April 17, 1949 in Savannah she married J.M. Smith, Jr. of Twin City, Georgia. He was born April 17, 1921 and is a teacher in a business school. They live in Belvedere, S.C. and have two daughters. Both were born in Augusta, Georgia, Janie Marie on February 25, 1950 and Sharon Elaine February 28, 1955.

Carlton Hobert McDaniel was born December 8, 1934 in Jeffersonville, Georgia. He married Joyce Annette Miller October 28, 1952. She was born September 16, 1935 in Augusta. They have two daughters - both born in Augusta- Judy Marie, born January 30, 1953, and Joan Annette, born July 28, 1954.

MARY WILLIE MCDANIEL was born February 20, 1912 in Baldwin County. She married HARRY VINCENT CAPPS, Macon, May 12, 1928. He was born May 12, 1906. They are Methodists and live on Jeffersonville Road, Macon. Harry is connected with F.S. Royster Guano Company. Their six children were: Mary Virginia, Carolyn Elizabeth, Lillian Adele, Dorothy Christine, Jackelyn, Harry, Jr., and Lonnie.

Mary Virginia Capps was born August 15, 1929 and died December 8, 1929.

Carolyn Elizabeth Capps was born January 25, 1931. She graduated from Cochran High School in 1948 and married Thomas Coody of Cochran December 2, 1949. He was born October 15, 1927. They have four children: Dorothy Sue, born October 2, 1950. James Edward, born September 3, 1952, Patricia Ann born October 29, 1954, and Calvin Mitchell, born June 14, 1956. They are Methodist, and live in Cochran, Georgia.

Lillian Adel Capps was born August 13, 1934. She is a graduate of the 1952 class of Cochran High School. She married Willie Lee Sanders December 12, 1952. He was born May 20, 1932. They have one child, Bobby Lee, who was born December 29, 1954 in Macon. They live in Cochran.

Dorothy Christine Capps was born February 27, 1938 and died May 5, 1947. She is buried in Ft. Hill Cemetery, Macon.

Harry Vincent Capps, Jr. was born July 31, 1953 in Macon.

Lonnie Capps died in infancy.

MARY ELLA MCDANIEL, seventh child of Ella Stevens and William McDaniel, was born December 3, 1874 in Wilkinson, and died December 28, 1942. On February 19th, 1899 she married WILLIAM N. LYLES who died April 26, 1931. They were members of Baptist Tabernacle in Macon, but are buried in Gordon. Their children were: OTHO, HERMAN, CLYDE, RUBY, FELTON, FRANK, PAUL and AVIS OUIDA.

OTHO LEROY LYLES was born January 25, 1900 in Worth County, Georgia. He was first married to Talmus Sargent by whom he had six children: Ella Mae, Lottie Belle, Ruby Lavanda, Otho, Jr., Lois Ouida, and Malcom Keith. Talmus died October 4, 1928 and is buried in Salem Church Cemetery, Bleckley County. On December 12, 1929 Otho married Eddie Pearl Green of Montrose, Georgia. She was born October 14, 1912. Their children are: William Luther, Susie Matile, and Betty June. Otho is a Nazarene minister.

Ella Mae Lyles was born June 7, 1921 and married L.B. Berry of Montrose on September 14, 1938. He was born January 1, 1920. They live in Macon with their four children: Mary Ellen, born September 26, 1939; Elizabeth Talmus,

born October 14, 1942; Norma Jean, born May 28, 1945; and Frankie Joan, born March 24, 1947.

* Lottie Belle Lyles, born September 10, 1922, married Cordia Alton Barbee of Dexter, Georgia on July 13, 1939. He was born October 2, 1916. They have no children and live in Macon.

Ruby Lavanda Lyles, born January 13, 1924, married James Young on February 24, 1939. They live on Rt. 6, Macon with their children: Ruby Louise, born February 11, 1941, James Robert, born September 1, 1942, and Brenda Joyce, born October 22, 1944.

Otho Leroy Lyles, Jr. was born February 23, 1925. On July 27, 1946 he married Mrs. Lula Watson in Macon. They have one child, Otho III, born July 9, 1948.

Lois Ouida Lyles was born June 30, 1926. On July 25, 1943 she married Luther H. Rozier whose birthdate is March 7, 1924. They live in Macon and have six children living. Lois Eloise was born December 20, 1944 in Macon. L.H. Jr. was born January 4, 1947 in Macon. Leroy Franklin was born June 2, 1949. Hattie Pearl was born September 14, 1950 in Warner Robins. Jack Lyman was born June 6, 1952 in Warner Robins. Glenda Florie was born September 14, 1954 in Macon.

Malcolm Keith Lyles, born January 26, 1928, married Catherine Celia Fields May 26, 1945. They live in Glenwood, Georgia, and have two boys- Malcolm, Jr. born April , 1946, and Ted Myles, born January 3, 1948.

William Luther Lyles, born April 26, 1931, married Merle Lorene Hinson in Cochran January 27, 1951. Her birthdate is November 10, 1933. They live in Macon and have two children. Daniel Lee was born June 2, 1952 and Vicky Lynn came January 30, 1954.

Susie Matile Lyles was born March 19, 1933. On March 24, 1951 she married Wilbur Kitchens of Cochran. Linda Dianne was born January 4, 1954. They live in Macon.

Betty June Lyles was born November 29, 1935. On March 17, 1951 she married Milton R. Fipkin whose birthdate is January 20, 1929. David Milton was born July 30, 1952 in Cochran.

HERMAN LELAND LYLES was born August 10, 1901 in Worth County, Georgia. On June 12, 1922 he married Eugenie Young in Macon. She was born June 29, 1904. They had five children: Avis, Herman, Jr., Edna Deloris, Norma Joyce, Jerry Richard, and Faye Annette. They lived in Macon where Herman was a Mason. He died July 13, 1947 and is buried in Macon Memorial Park. His widow lives at 2264 Melton Avenue, Macon.

Avis Lyles was born in West Palm Beach, Florida April 9, 1923. She married James Thompson in Macon June 16, 1951. They have one child, Karen Eugene, who was born July 16, 1953.

Herman Leland Lyles, Jr. was born February 23, 1925. He died in the Navy Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia October 6, 1955 and is buried in Macon Memorial Park Cemetery.

Edna Deloris Lyles was born October 30, 1926. She lives in Macon.

Norma Joyce Lyles, born April 12, 1928, married Marvin Eugene Estes July 17, 1946. They live in Macon and have one child, Stephen Eugene, born April 16, '48.

Jerry Richard Lyles, born August 26, 1931, married Marilyn Giddens August 27, 1950. Their child, Melanie Eugenia, was born October 31, 1953. They also live in Macon.

Faye Annette Lyles was born in Macon March 26, 1941.

CLYDE, RUBY, FELTON, and AVIS OUIDA LYLES died as infants or in early childhood.

FRANK CHARLES LYLES married Annie Bell Jones and lives in Macon. They have one daughter, Louise, who was born March 23, 1933.

Louise Lyles married Robert Earl Mercer August 6, 1949. They live at 1052 Hightower Road, Macon and are members of the Second Baptist Church. The birthdates of their children are: Robert Earl, Jr. - December 22, 1950; Deborah Anne - January 8, 1954; and Curtis Randall - June 27, 1955.

MACKIE LEE MCDANIEL was born January 27, 1877 in Wilkinson County. He married Estella Adams December 16, 1906. She was born March 18, 1889 in Baldwin County and is the daughter of Robert F. and Lula Adams. Mackie Lee and Estella had two daughters, LULA CLYDE and CLARA. Mackie Lee was carman in the C. of Ga. R.R. shops in Macon. He died April 10, 1951 and is buried in Ft. Hill Cemetery in Macon. His widow lives in Milledgeville.

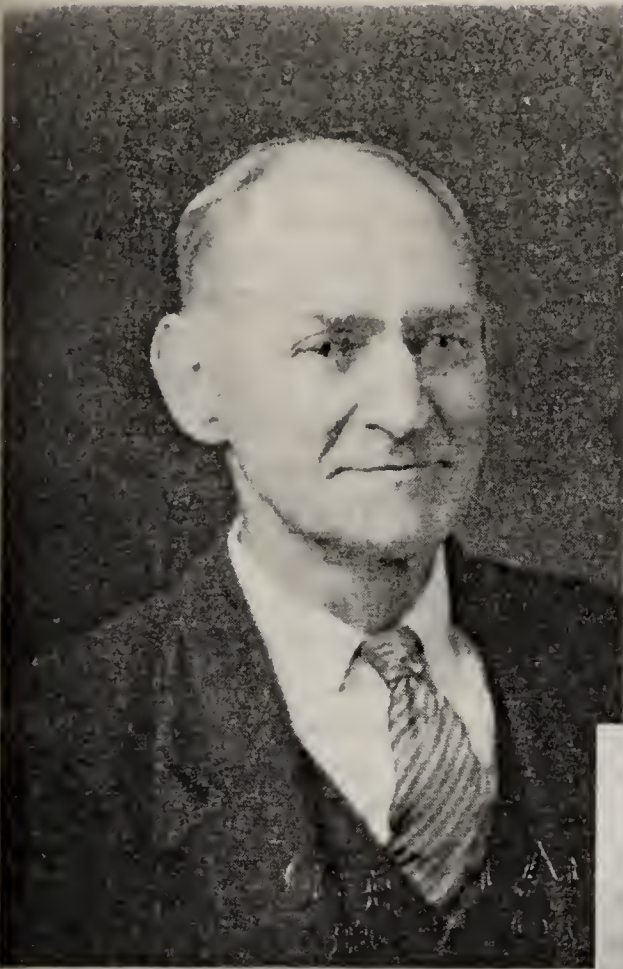
LULU CLYDE MCDANIEL was born June 25, 1908 and is a graduate of Lanier High School for Girls. On April 29, 1933 she married J.C. HARDY of Perry, Georgia. Their son, William Edward Hardy, was born in Perry January 31, 1940.

CLARA MCDANIEL was born December 6, 1909 in Wilkinson County. She graduated from Lanier High School for Girls 1929 and married W.B. JOHNSON May 21, 1930. Their two children are Mildred Virginia and Robert Lamont. Clara and W.B. were divorced in 1934. She took a business course that year and has certificates in shorthand, typing, business English, and office practices. She works as a dental assistant in orthodontics and was given a Certificate of Honor by the Georgia State Dental Assistants Association October 20, 1947. She received a certificate from the American Dental Assistants Certification Board August 18, 1949. She is a member of the Baptist church and lives in her parents' old home at 743 Applewood, Macon.

Mildred Virginia Johnson married William S. Brockman August 18, 1951. He is an electrician at Robins Air Force Base but they live in Macon at 743 Applewood.

Robert Lamont Johnson graduated from Lanier High School for Boys in 1950. He was an apprentice in C. of Ga. R.R. shop 1951-52 and then went into the army. He was discharged in April 1955 and continued his apprenticeship. He married Rheunel Prescott, daughter of Lt. Colonel and Mrs. Winnie Holland Prescott, on December 31, 1955. They are members of Tattnell Square Presbyterian Church and live at 1126 Brentwood in Macon.

Clara McDaniel Johnson has in her possession, handed down by her father, the



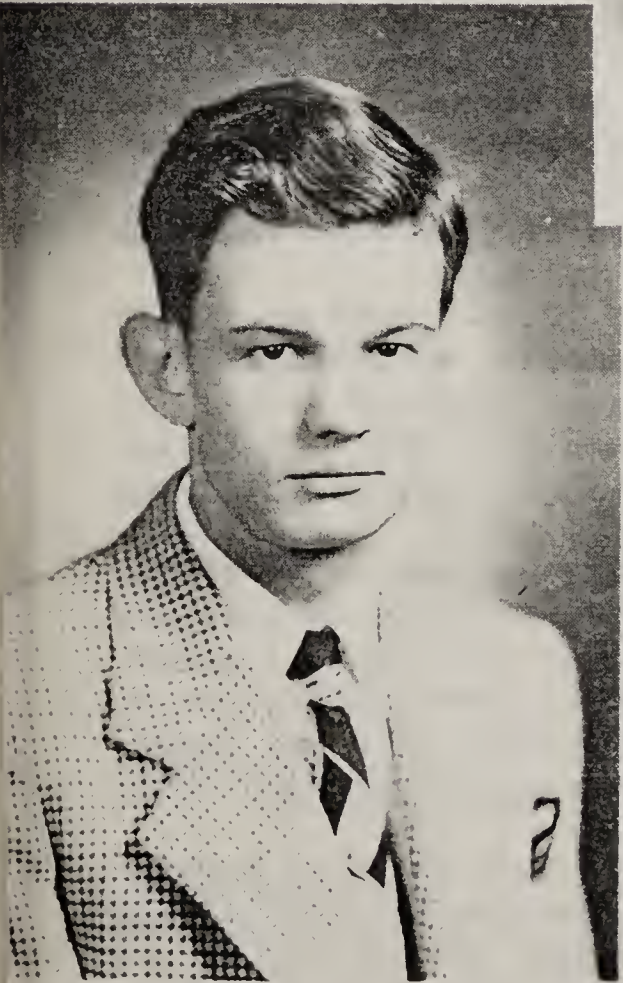
MACKIE L. MCDANIEL



MRS. M. L. MCDANIEL



CLARA MCDANIEL JOHNSON



ROBERT LAMONT JOHNSON



MRS. ROBERT L. JOHNSON

original plat of the land on which she was born - her Grandfather McDaniel's home place. This land grant bears the signature of John Milledge, then governor of Georgia, and attached is a hand-made wooden seal of the State of Georgia, dated 1799. This land was bounded on one side by what was still Indian Territory in 1804.

BEATRICE BELLE MCDANIEL, ninth child of Elizabeth Stevens and William McDaniel, was born August 3, 1879 in Wilkinon County. She married JOHN BLOODWORTH of Wilkinon January 17, 1901. They had three children: WILLIE, EMORY, and BONNIE CLAYTON. Beatrice died November 6, 1907 and is buried at Gordon.

WILLIE BLOODWORTH served in the navy for some time. He married Hazel Dupree of Gordon and they are living in Macon.

EMORY BLOODWORTH was born August 1903 and died October 13, 1926. He is buried in Snow Hill Cemetery in Wilkinon County.

CLAYTON BLOODWORTH was born October 29, 1905 in Wilkinon County. He married Charlie McDonald of Atlanta September 17, 1932. She was born September 28, 1913, the daughter of George W. and Nellie Jackson McDonald of Atlanta, formerly of Cleveland, Georgia. She is also the great-granddaughter of Governor McDonald who served while Milledgeville was still the state capital. Clayton served with the U.S. Marine from 1925 to 1929, is Past Master of Atlanta Lodge Number 59, is a member of American Legion Post 1, Atlanta. They are members of Gordon Street Presbyterian Church. They have one child Janelle, and live at 2243 Belvedere Avenue, S.W., Atlanta.

Janelle Bloodworth was born January 25, 1938. She graduated from Southwest High School in Atlanta in 1955 and entered Emory University that year. She is a member of the Gordon Presbyterian Church and a member of its choir.

SIBYL ADA MCDANIEL was born February 15, 1881. Her husband was HOWARD NEWBY who was born October 17, 1876, son of Robert and Elizabeth Reed Newby of Twiggs County. He was foreman with the G.S. & F. railroad. Sibyl died on July 10, 1911 at Kathleen, Georgia and is buried in Vienna, Georgia. He re-married, died July 7, 1927, and is buried in Ft. Hill Cemetery in Macon.

Sibyl and Howard Newby had five children. Lottie was born July 25, 1898 in Wilkinon County. Esoline was born October 31, 1900 and died August 27, 1909 in Vienna, Georgia. Clifford was born July 11, 1902 in Macon and died August 23, 1904 - is buried in Gordon. Carl was born May 15, 1905. Paul was born December 18, 1908 and died June 3, 1918.

LOTTIE NEWBY married ROBERT LEROY THOMPSON in Macon December 22, 1921. He was born March 14, 1894 in Gordon, son of James Thomas and Martha Cora Sills Thompson. They live in Atlanta where he is an electrician. They are members of the Martha Brown Methodist Church. The birthdates of their children are: Robert Leroy Jr. - December 8, 1923 in East Point, Georgia; Mildred, December 6, 1922; Martha Frances, November 6, 1934 in Atlanta.

Mildred Thompson graduated from Girls High School in 1941. She married Earl George Baker in Atlanta September 1, 1943. He was born April 6, 1920 and is son of Earl H. and Irene V. Baker of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. They live at 3381 Sheridan Road in Jacksonville, Florida and are members of the Southside Methodist church. He is an Airways Operations Specialist (CAA). They

have two children- Lynn Marie was born December 8, 1944 in Atlanta and Barbara Irene was born December 12, 1947 in Jacksonville.

Robert Leroy Thompson Jr. graduated from Tech High, Atlanta, in 1942. He was a sergeant in 1st Spec. Platoon, 1391 Signal Bn. during W.W. II. He graduated from Georgia Tech and is an engineer with Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company. On November 23, 1946 he married Dorothy Brake, daughter of William Thomas and Susan Brake. They are members of the Methodist church, they have no children, and they live on Tupelo Street, S.E. in Atlanta.

Martha Frances Thompson graduated from Murphy High School in 1952. She married Walter E. Rogers, who was born June 5, 1931 to W. Edwin and Tempie R. Rogers of Atlanta. They, too, are Methodists and live in Atlanta at 2528 Pinewood Dr. Decatur, Georgia. Their son Robert Edwin was born December 3, 1954.

Robert Leroy Thompson Sr. served in World War I as Sgt. of Co. C. 151st Machine Gun Battalion, 42nd Division. He was wounded in action and received the Purple Heart Medal. He also served in the Army of Occupation in Germany. He is also a graduate of Georgia Tech, and is an I.B. M. operator.

LILLA BAY MCDANIEL was born October 20, 1882 and was educated in a private school and at Gordon. She married MOLTKE COLLINS NELSON who was the son of Richard and Frances (Barfield) Nelson and was born April 25, 1877. (Moltke's father was originally from New York but his mother was a Gordon girl.) Two children were born to Lilla and Moltke - Moltke Emerson born March 22, 1906, and Laverne, born September 9, 1907. Lilla died October 31, 1927 from apoplexy as she was returning home from a church meeting. She had been very active in the Gordon Methodist Church, serving as Stewardess for many years and teaching a Sunday School Class. She was also active in the P.T.A., Women's Club, Woodman Circle. Three years after the death of Lilla, her husband married Willie Parker Tinsley, her second cousin. She died in 1943 and Moltke Collins Nelson died November 29, 1946.

MOLTKE EMERSON NELSON graduated from Gordon High school, took a pre-med course at Mercer, and studied for two years at the University Medical School in Augusta where he was a member of Theta Kappa Psi fraternity. Working part time in the J.C. Penney store in Augusta, he became interested in merchandising and was sent by the company to Baton Rouge, Louisiana in 1928. He was manager of the J.C. Penney Store in Lafayette from August 12, 1938 until February 28, 1953 when he resigned to become general superintendent of the Louisiana district of the West Brothers Department Stores, with headquarters in De Ridder, Louisiana. While in Baton Rouge, Moltke was a charter member of the Young Men's Business Club. In Lafayette he served on the board of stewards of the First Methodist Church, was an active member of Rotary, serving on the board of directors and as treasurer of the club three years, and was chairman of the Retail Merchants for nine years. He helped organize the Louisiana Retailers Association and was first vice-president for three years. He also helped organize the Hub City Rifle and Pistol Club and served as president for two years. He served on the boards of the Chamber of Commerce, Boy Scouts, Salvation Army, and was chairman of the Chain Store group in Lafayette. During WW II he received an award for selling war bonds, and served on the food panel of the parish rationing board. He helped organize the United Funds and served on the board of directors which was one of the first to bring the American Red Cross into this fund-raising organization. His favorite hobbies are hunting, fishing, and collecting guns. He has more than fifty-five arms in his collection

which includes the old 32 Winchester of his grandfather, Richard Nelson.

On July 4, 1931 Moltke Emerson Nelson married Vivian Walker, daughter of a weekly newspaper editor in D'Lo, Mississippi. Of herself she writes:

" I am a native of Mississippi, having been born in Covington County September 12, 1909, daughter of James Malcolm and Alice Pope Walker. After graduation from D'Lo public schools I attended Mississippi Woman's College at Hattiesburg for two years and graduated from Louisiana State with a B.A. in English. After graduation I served as Baptist Student Secretary at L.S.U. 1930-31. I was married in 1931 and lived in Baton Rouge eight years. While there I was a member of the Baton Rouge Music Club, Baton Rouge Music Club Chorus, and served as secretary of that organization for one year. I was a member of the Junior Book Review Club, served as 2nd vice-president 1935-36 and secretary 1936-37. I was president of my Sunday School Class 1935-36, Circle Chairman of Young Women's W.M.U. 1936-37 and 1st vice-president of W.M.U. 1935-36.

" In 1938 we moved to Lafayette and lived there fifteen years. Our two children were born there- Moltke James, August 27, 1939; Alice Lynn, January 17, 1946. In Lafayette I was affiliated with P.E.O., Eastern Star, serving as chaplin and marshall, was president of Ruth S.S. class, president of the Woman's Club 1948-50, served as state chairman of convention in 1950 for Federation of Women's Clubs, was a member of Delphians 1940-42, served as Baptist Student Secretary at Southwestern Louisiana Institute in 1941-42, was a member of Lafayette Charity Hospital Guild 1948-52, member of Community Concert Association 1942-52, member of the Mardi Gras Association 1949-51. I am an active member of First Baptist Church, participating in S.S. and W.M.U. and am secretary of the Extension Department of Sunday School. I have worked very closely with the operation of a colored nursery for working mothers and also with a dental clinic for underprivileged children- both sponsored by the Federated Women's Clubs of Lafayette.

" In 1953 we moved to DeRidder. Since living here I have served as 1st vice-president of DeRidder Study Club, secretary of Garden Club, secretary of De Ridder Music Club, am a member of P.T.A., served as Parish Educational Chairman of Cancer Society. At present I am employed by Beauregard Parish Welfare as a visitor. I belong to the American Public Welfare Association.

" My hobbies are collecting rare pieces of china, demi-tasse cups, and souvenir spoons; also, reading, and listening to good music. I like a good game of bridge, also."

Moltke James Nelson attended school in Lafayette, Louisiana eight years. He was a member of the school board, 4H Club, and Boy Scouts. He served as Duke in the children's Mardi Gras Carnival Ball 1948 and represented his school in the annual Christmas Parade in 1949. He will graduate from De Ridder high school in 1957. He is a licensed Ham operator, call number K 5 C R E, general license. He is a member of the Civil Aeronautic Patrol, of the Methodist Church, a winner in the Rod-o-o driving contest sponsored by the Jaycees, and a member of the Gun Club and of the American Radio Relay League.

Alyce Lyne Nelson was a victim of encephalitis when she was eighteen months old and has been an invalid physically and mentally since. She is now ten.

LA VERNE NELSON, daughter of Lilla McDaniel and M.C. Nelson, completed her high school education in Gordon and studied music under Mrs. Hugh Wallace, Mrs. Lillian Kingery, Dr. Max Noah, and Miss Alberta Goff. She graduated from Georgia State College in Milledgeville with a B.S. degree and has done post

graduate work at the university of Georgia. She has taught third grade in the Gordon Elementary School for twenty-one years. She is active in the work of Gordon Methodist Church, having taught the kindergarten class since 1927. She is a member of the Woman's Society of Social Service, the Woman's Club, the P.T.A.s of Gordon Elementary and Wilco High Schools, the Wilkinson County Teachers' Association and the Georgia Education Association.

La Verne married PAUL CHAMBLISS of Macon, Georgia on June 8, 1939. He was born August 28, 1898 in Forsyth, Georgia, son of James W. and Sally Hensley Chambliss. He received his education at Hill Academy in Forsyth. When he was twenty-three, he moved to Macon where he was in the finance business until 1939. After his marriage he moved to Gordon and opened a general merchandise business. In 1952 Paul began working for the Georgia State Department of Agriculture. He is a steward of the Gordon Methodist Church, is a Mason, and is Secretary and Treasurer of the Gordon Chamber of Commerce. He served on the City Council for several years.

Paul and La Verne Chambliss have one son- Paul Nelson Chambliss - who was born July 10, 1941. He is now studying at Wilco High School where he plays trombone in the school band.

MARY STEVENS

Mary Stevens, daughter of Bartley and Elizabeth Fountain Stevens, was born June 21, 1843. On May 22, 1860 she married John Hall of Jefferson County. They lived in Gordon and had five children: Billy, Johnnie, Donie, Jimmie, and Mattie. Mary Stevens Hall and John Hall are buried in Gordon.

WILLIAM B. HALL was born April 7, 1861. He first married Willie Lingo of Gordon on December 15, 1883. Their child died in infancy. After Willie's death, he married Georgia Smith of Wadley who was born February 8, 1867. Their children were BESSIE, EUNICE, MAY, and WILLIAM HENRY. Billy was track superintendent for C. of Ga. R.R. and died October 28, 1900. Georgia died August 22, 1940. Both are buried in the Wadley Cemetery.

BESSIE HALL married CLARENCE BROWN of Bartow, Georgia. They have one son, Clarence, Jr., who lives in Franklin, N.C.

MAY HALL never married but is collector of delinquent taxes in Richmond County, Augusta, Georgia.

EUNICE HALL married STANLEY BRANTLEY of Tennille and has three children: Stanley, Jr., Helen, and Bill.

WILLIAM HENRY HALL married Bertha Olliff of Swainsboro, Georgia, daughter of Fannie Bird and Henry Iverson Olliff of Bullock County. They had two daughters Sarah and Harriett.

Sarah Hall married Ray Cox of Jefferson County. They have four children: William Ray, Steven Malcolm, Sarah Frances, and Joy Ann. They live in Macon.

Harriet married Roy Clark, Savannah. Their children are Edwin, Allen, and Charles

JOHNNIE HALL married a Miss Hester of Augusta.



Back Row: Fred Brown, Mrs. Margie Brown, Henry & Sudie Stevens,
James B. & Minnie Stevens, Mrs. Ella Dixon, Mrs. Jim Raines
Second Row: Frank Brown, John W. & Issie Stevens, Bartley Israel & Priscilla Stevens
Children: Eugenia Stevens, Muriel May Stevens, Maude Brown, Edna Earl Raines



BARTLEY ISRAEL STEVENS (right) & 3 SONS
(L to R): Henry Stevens, Jas. B. Stevens, John W. Stevens



BARTLEY STEVENS
in
Confederate Uniform



ELLA STEVENS DIXON

DONIE HALL died young.

JIMMIE HALL married a Miss Lavender of Gordon.

MATTIE HALL married a Mr. STEWART. They lived and died in Jacksonville, Florida.

BARTLEY ISREAL STEVENS

Bartley Israel Stevens was the youngest child of Bartley and Elizabeth Fountain Stevens. He was born October 19, 1845 and was named for his father and for his grandfather, Israel Fountain. On March 1, 1866 he married Lydia Priscilla Bloodworth, daughter of John and Louie Ann Nalus Bloodworth. Lydia Priscilla Bloodworth was born July 28, 1850. Bartley had been a private in Company D, 57th Regiment, Georgia Volunteer Infantry of Wilkinson County. He had enlisted on March 3, 1862, was captured at Vicksburg and exchanged, and then surrendered at Greensboro, Georgia. After his marriage he owned a large plantation and later operated a hotel and a livery stable in Irwinton. He was also sheriff of the County 1896-98. B.I. and Priscilla Stevens were the parents of eight children: John William, James Bartley, Margie, Annie, Henry Franklin, Mattie Donie, Ella Rozel, and Howard McClellan. Bartley Israel Stevens died on December 18, 1922 and Lydia Priscilla died July 27, 1923.

JOHN WILLIAM STEVENS, first son of B.I. and Priscilla Stevens, was born on September 5, 1868. His first wife was named Issie. When she died he married Ann. There were no children by either marriage. John was in the turpentine business and lived in Bradenton, Florida where he served as mayor of the city.

JAMES BARTLEY STEVENS, second son, was born June 8, 1870 in Jones County, Georgia. He married Minnie O. Wheeler on December 25, 1892 at Ivy, Georgia. Minnie was born February 14, 1872. They had one child, Minnie Eugenia, born 23rd of October 1897 in Macon. James Bartley began work with the Central of Georgia Railroad March 1, 1890. He and Minnie lived in McIntyre and were charter members of the Baptist Church there. They were instrumental in building the house which was also used as a school. In 1908 James B. was made a supervisor and in 1910 he moved his family to Millen, Georgia. In 1914 he was with the A.B. & C. railroad and lived in Bessemer, Alabama. In 1917 he was made roadmaster. He retired January 1, 1937 and made his home in Pelham, Alabama. He died there February 13, 1941 and was buried in the Pelham Cemetery. He was an officer in the R.R. Brotherhood and was a Mason. After his death, his wife, Minnie, made her home in Waycross, Georgia with her daughter. Minnie died August 4, 1948, and was buried in the Pelham Cemetery, also.

MINNIE EUGENIA STEVENS, only child of James Bartley and Minnie Stevens, was born October 23, 1897. She married WALTON DOUGLAS SMITH on September 1, 1917. He was born September 26, 1895 in Effingham County, Georgia. Both were living in Bessemer when they married. Their three children are: Eugenia Minnie, Dorothy Lee, and Ellen Elizabeth.

Minnie Eugenia Stevens graduated from high school in Bessemer in June 1916 and entered Southern Female College in LaGrange, Georgia that fall. After her marriage she continued to study piano and graduated from the Crowe School of Music in Bessemer in May 1918. The family moved to Waycross in 1922 where Walton Smith is Superintendent of Supplies for the A.C.L. R.R. They are both members of the First Baptist Church and Geanie is active in W.M.U. and Sunday School, having served as superintendent of the Beginners Department since 1931.

She is also a member of the Francis S. Bartow Chapter of U.D.C. Walton is a Mason, a Woodman, and is secretary-treasurer of Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees.

* Eugenia Minnie Smith was born November 22, 1919 in Bessemer, Alabama. She married R.V. Braddy on August 1940 in Waycross. They have two children- Walton Eugenia, born June 7, 1941 and Susan Ann, born May 28, 1944.

Eugenia Smith graduated from Waycross High School June 1937 and finished a business course in 1939. She- Mrs. Braddy- is now manager of the Credit Department of Sears Roebuck office in Waycross. She is State Secretary for the King's Daughters and secretary of Isabella School P.T.A. She is a Girl Scout leader and a member of the 11 O'CLOCK CLUB and of the First Baptist Church.

Walton Eugenia Braddy is a member of the First Baptist Church and Choir. She is an officer in Tri-Hi-Y, a student of Bill Hendrick's St. Simons Island Art Class, is a member of the advanced class of Maureen's Dance Studio in Waycross. She received the Curved Bar Award in Girl Scouts August 11, 1954. Active in the cheer-leading group in elementary school, she finished Isabella Elementary School in 1954.

Susan Ann (Suzanne) Braddy is a member of the First Baptist Church and Choir, a member of the Student Council of Isabella School, and has held class office in school every year. She is a member of the Cheer-leading Group and will have her badges for Curved Bar Award in Girl Scouts in April 1957 Court of Honor. She is a piano student and a member of the advanced class of Maureen's Dance Studio.

Dorothy Lee Smith was born in Newington, Georgia October 12, 1922. In March, 1943, she married William Brooks Sedgwick of Waycross. Their two children are Sylvia Irene Sedgwick, born October 28, 1943 in Brunswick, Georgia, and Linda Catherine Sedgwick, born March 24, 1947 in Waycross.

When Dorothy graduated from high school in 1940 she was awarded a Speech Certificate and was a speaker on the program. She completed a business course and is now Secretary- Bookkeeper of Bailey Monument Company. She is a member of First Baptist where she is superintendent of Nursery B Department of the Sunday School and is active in B.T. U. work. She is also a member of the Church Bowling Team and the soft ball team.

Sylvia Irene Sedgwick graduated from Isabella Elementary School in 1956, after having held various class offices for five years. She is a member of First Baptist Church and Choir, of the Waycross Elementary Band, and is Captain of the Cheer-leading Group. She is a member of the basketball team and the School Patrol, as well as being active in swimming, track, and tennis. She also takes active part in her Sunday School class and in Training Union.

Linda Catherine Sedgwick is also a member of the Church and its choir. She is active in Sunday School, B.T.U. and Sunbeam Band. She is a Brownie, is mascot for the Cheer-leading group of Isabella School, and is a piano student as well as a member of the City Ceramics Group.

Ellen Elizabeth Smith, born September 1, 1928 in Waycross, married R.L. Long in January 1952 in Folkston, Georgia. They have one child Ellen Elizabeth - "Lisa" - who was born in Waycross on February 11, 1953.



MR. and MRS. JAMES B. STEVENS
Photographed 1893



WALTON and EUGENIA STEVENS SMITH



SUZANNE BRADDY



EUGENIA SMITH BRADDY



WALTON BRADDY



DOROTHY SMITH SEDGWICK (1937)



LINDA (8-1/2) and SYLVIA SEDGWICK (12)



ELLEN ELIZABETH LONG
"Lissa" 13-1/2 months



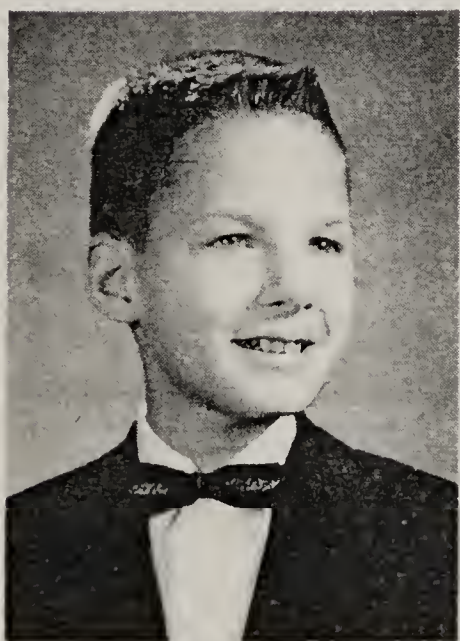
ELLEN SMITH LONG



W. T. DUPREE



M. A. STEVENS BROWN DUPREE



WILLIAM KNIGHT ZEWADSKI



LYDIA PRISCILLA BLOODWORTH STEVENS



MAUDE BROWN KNIGHT



EDITH BROWN ZEWADSKI



W. T. DUPREE



MARGIE ANN STEVENS DUPREE



RUTH DUPREE & BROOKS BRYANS



CHRISTOPHER & MARGIE BRYANS WHITE
DOUGLAS BRYANS WHITE



MARY T. DALEY & WILLIAM B. BRYANS, JR.
WILLIAM BROOKS, III, ALEXA RUTH, TRABUE DALEY

Ellen Smith graduated from Waycross High School in 1945 and entered Georgia State College for Women that September. In September 1947 she transferred to Valdosta State and in 1949 received her A.B. degree in the Division of Humanities, Emphasis on English. She was a member of the English Club, Student Government Association, Campus Canopy and Pine Cone Staff. She is a member of the League of Women Voters. A member of the faculty of Ware County School, Elizabeth began post graduate work at Peabody in June, 1956. Lisa attended the University Nursery School while her mother was studying.

MARGIE ANN STEVENS was born February 1, 1872 and died July 12, 1937. She married BASCOM BROWN who was born June 10, 1858 and died May 3, 1904. Soon after their marriage they moved to Laurens County. Three children were born there - Fred, Frank, and Maude. After the death of Mr. Brown, Margie Ann married W.T. DUPREE and had a daughter, Ruth. Mr. DuPree was a charter member and a deacon of the Jefferson Street Baptist Church in Dublin. Margie Ann was a Methodist. Date of 1st marriage- March 25, 1888; 2nd-December 26, 1904

FRED BROWN married Anneli Peacock and had a son Edmond.

FRANK BROWN married Martha Stanley and had two children- Frank, Jr. and Vivian Stanley.

Frank Brown, Jr. was born July 12, 1915 and is a graduate of the University of Georgia.

Vivian Stanley Brown is an accomplished pianist.

MAUDE BROWN married W. ALEX KNIGHT of Laurens County on December 15, 1917. They lived in Bradenton, Florida but Maude had moved to St. Petersburg a short time before her death on March 7, 1956. Maude and Alex had one daughter, Bascom.

Bascom Knight graduated from Wesleyan College and married William Kosciusko Zewadski III on January 9, 1942. William K. Zewadski served during World War II in the U.S. Air Force, with the rank of Colonel in the 465th Bomber Group. He holds a B.S. degree from the University of Florida and an LL.B. from Michigan U. He practices law in St. Petersburg. The Zewadskis are Baptists. They have two children- William Knight Zewadski, born October 17, 1944, and Edith Brown Zewadski, born January 18, 1951.

RUTH DUPREE was married to WILLIAM BROOKS BRYANS December 27, 1923. William Brooks Bryans, a Captain in the 121st Infantry, 30th Div., United States Army, served throughout W.W. II and was retired a Colonel in 1947. Brooks and Ruth are Baptists and Brooks is a Mason, a Shriner, and an Elk. They have two children, William Brooks, Jr. and Margie Dell.

William Brooks (Bill) Bryans, Jr., a Baptist, served in the United States Navy during World War II and graduated from Clemson College in 1948. He married Mary Trabue Daley December 18, 1948 and they have three children: Alexa Ruth born September 15, 1949; Trabue Daley, born March 20, 1952, and William Brooks the Third, born September 29, 1955

Margie Dell Bryans, a Baptist, attended Georgia State College for Women. On April 2, 1949 she married Christopher G. White, who had served during the war as Lieutenant in the Air Force and graduated from The Citadel in 1948. They

have one child, Douglas Bryans White, born April 21, 1954.

ANNIE STEVENS was born July 2, 1873. She married JOEL BURKE January 31, 1895. They had three children - Bessie, James Bartley, and Claude Lamar.

BESSIE BURKE married IRA JUSTICE and had one son, Otis Justice.

JAMES BARTLEY BURKE, born September 29, 1901, married Edna Mae Watts and had a daughter Almeta.

Almeta Burke married James Meeks and had one son, Bartley Clayton. Almeta's second husband was Fred Philips.

CLAUDE LAMAR BURKE, born November 27, 1906, married Opal Rozier January 25, 1941. They have one son, William Claude. Claude has been employed at Edgar Brothers Kaolin Mine at McIntyre for the past sixteen years. Opal, born February 14, 1915, is a graduate of Cochran High School and of G.S.C.. She has been teaching for nineteen years - the last fourteen in the Wilkinson County school system.

William Claude Burke, better known as Bill, finished grammar school at Gordon in 1956 and will attend Wilco High School in September of 1956. His hobbies are drawing and constructing model cars and airplanes.

HENRY FRANKLIN STEVENS was born December 4, 1875 and died June 19, 1904. In 1900 he married Sudie Durden and they had two children- Merle and Henry.

MERLE STEVENS married HUITT CHRISTIAN and had two children, Suella and Henry Stevens. After Merle's death the children lived with their aunt, Ella Stevens Dixon. Merle was born February 14, 1901.

Suella Christian married Joe Fountain and they have two children, Stevens and Sue Frances Fountain.

Henry Stevens Christian has not married.

HENRY STEVENS was born in February 1904. He married Myrtice Tyson and they have three children, Janice, Henry, and Gloria.

MATTIE DONIE STEVENS was born July 20, 1877 and died July 27, 1904. She married a Mr. RAINES and had one daughter, EDNA EARLE RAINES.

EDNA EARLE RAINES married CASON BLACK and had two children, Jacquelin and and Cason, Jr.

ELLA ROZEL STEVENS was born August 10, 1879 and died April 25, 1940. She married R.J. DIXON. They had no children of their own she reared a niece and nephew and also a great-niece and nephew.

HOWARD MCCOLELLAN STEVENS was born March 11, 1881. He never married. A stone in the Irwinton Cemetery bears this inscription: HOWARD M. STEVENS- IDAHO- SGT. U.S. ARMY - OCT. 17, 1936

Geanie Stevens Smith writes: I remember my grandparents very well. We lived



JOEL W. & ANNIE STEVENS BURKE
ca. 1895



IRA M., BESSIE & OTIS JUSTICE



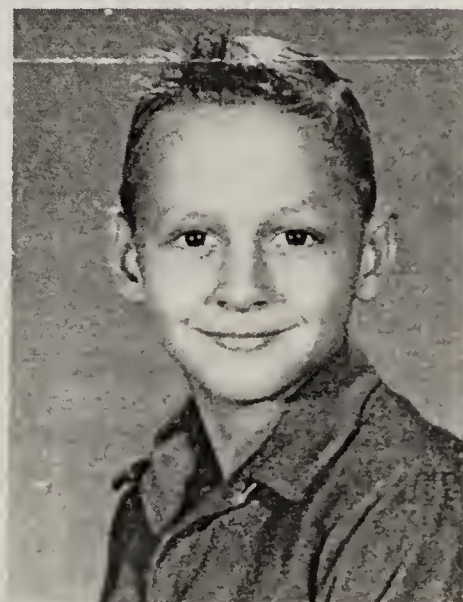
L-R: Bart Burke, Bessie Justice, Elna Mae Burke, Ira Justice,
James Meeks, Claude Burke, Almata Meeks Phillips, Otis Justice
Children: Bartley Clayton Meeks & William Claude Burke



JAMES BARTLEY BURKE



CLAUDE LAMAR & OPAL ROZIER BURKE



WILLIAM CLAUDE BURKE

ADDENDA

The following information and tributes arrived after the text was already set up for printing, but I am glad to add it to our information about the families.

Addition for page 30:

Laverne Green married Elmo Mattox

Cleo Green married Chester Mattox and lives at 5539 Gable Lane, Jacksonville, Fla.

Martha Earle Green married Larry Greene.

Addition for page 31:

Earle Parker, daughter of Mary Lizzie Strong and Thaddeus Parker, was born on January 1, 1898 in Gordon. She married Paul Prince whose birthdate is 4th of October 1892. Their four children are: Paul, Jr., Martha Eugenia, Elizabeth Ann, and William Parker.

Paul Prince Jr. was born July 17, 1917. He married Earline Tugwell October 1938. They have two children- Faulette Sue, born January 11, 1942, and Penny Ann, born June 6, 1943.

Martha Eugenia Prince was born March 15, 1919. She married J. W. Evans in January 1937. They have three children - J.W., Jr., born October 30, 1938, Gloria June, born January 21, 1941, and Linda Sue, born June 14, 1943.

Elizabeth Ann Prince, born December 5, 1922, married Glenn Murphy April 7, 1945. Glenn Jr. was born November 2, 1946.

William Parker Prince married Faye Norris in 1947. They had one child, William Parker, Jr. The second marriage was to Dolores Frice in October 1952. They have three children: Donna Sue, born August 1953, Brenda, born August 1954, and Darlene, born February 1956.

Addition for page 35 :

Charles Solomon Strong Jr.- born September 5, 1899; married October 1, 1921

Mary Evelyn Strong- born August 14, 1922; married Joseph Conley June 28, 1947

Joseph Conley, Jr.-born July 26, 1949; James Robert-born March 4, 1951, died April 21, 1956. William Thomas- born March 30, 1955.

Margaret Lenora Strong- February 20, 1924; married Dr. Gregory Hunnicutt 3rd of September, 1943. Sons- Gregory, Jr.- October 6, 1945; Charlie Hamilton- October 19, 1948.

Jimmie Hulsey Strong- January 29, 1926; married John Turner October 3, 1947. One son - John Sherrod Turner born October 7, 1949.

Charles Solomon Strong III born January 19, 1933; married Gloria Harley April 14, 1951. Charles Solomon IV born March 12, 1953; John Christopher- October 2, 1955.

To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source,
a tree without a root.

Old Chinese Proverb

The following tributes are excerpts from papers written at the time of the death of Charles Solomon Strong. They were sent by Mrs. Blanche Hobbs.

" Mr. Strong was a Christian gentleman in every sense of the word. He was devoted to his family and loyal to his friends, numbering legion. He served God, and took a keen interest in all the institutions of the church, supporting them well and faithfully. Troubles and physical trials were borne with greatest faith and fortitude. He had courage to speak out against sin wherever he found it.

"Mr. Strong was a sincere soul, strong in his conviction, firm in his beliefs, fearless in his stand for things that are right. His mind was clear and vigorous. He loved mankind and made friends wherever he went.

" We mourn his passing and hopefully wait to clasp his hand on the other side.

" May the blessings of the Heavenly Father rest upon his children who will continue to receive inspiration from his memory. And they rest doubly upon the kind and gentle one who walked by his side down the pathway of life, in the sunshine and amid the shadows.

"Those of us who knew and loved him may well say
 Sleep on, dear Friend,
 And lay your head upon the Saviour's breast.
 Sleep on and take your rest.
 We loved thee well, but Jesus loved thee best.
 Goodnight.

Mrs. D.T. Quillian John E. Quillian, Com. "

In a letter of condolence, Mr. J.N. Rogers, vice-president of the Citizens Bank of Gainesville, Georgia, wrote:

" If I were to describe a friend either in poetry or romance as being absolutely clean and above reproach, I would endeavor to portray Mr. C.S. Strong. "

Addition for page 29:

EULA FILLMORE(DAISY) ROBERTSON was born September 16, 1888 at Bolingbroke, Ga. and was educated in the Gordon schools. A member of the Gordon Methodist Church she is a Sunday School teacher, a member of the choir and of W.S.C.S -served as its first president. She is a member of the Gordon Woman's Club, Eastern Star, and Order of Amaranth. She was instrumental in educating John Bagwell for the ministry - he is now serving the Wadesboro M.E. Church. On October 20, 1907 she married John Fox and had one child, Charline Sue. Her second marriage was on November 11, 1911 to Wm. Bertram Pagett who was a C. of Ga. R.R. conductor until his death on January 15, 1940. They had two children, George William who died in infancy and Johnie Maud.

Charline Sue Fox, born September 19, 1908, was educated in the Gordon schools and GAB School of Commerce. On August 25, 1927 she married Wade L. Graham, a 320 Mason and an executive for the Progressive Life Insurance Co. of Atlanta. Their daughter Eula Deloris Graham was born January 25, 1930. After graduating from Oglethorpe University she married Lawrence Rensselaar Coleman on April 23, 1955. He is a graduate of Georgia Tech and is an electrical engineer.

Johnnie Maude Pagett was born December 7, 1919. Educated in the Gordon schools, G.S.C.W. and G.A.B. School of Commerce, she is a member of the Methodist Church, the Chancel Choir, and W.S.C.S., is past president of the Woman's Club, and is a member of the Garden Club of Georgia. On December 25, 1940 Johnnie Maud married J.C. Turner, Jr. He has been a principal in Georgia high schools for the past thirty-one years and is a member of GEA, NEA, GHSA Sportsmanship Committee and GEA Legislative Committee. He is a 32^o Mason, a W.O.W. and a Kiwanian. Their three children are: Johnny Crawford Turner III, born on 21st February 1942; William Wade Turner, born April 13, 1945; and Diane Sue, whose birthdate is April 15, 1948. Johnny and Billy are members of the school band, Boy Scouts, and the Model Airplane Club. Diane is a Brownie Scout. All are members of the Methodist Church.

The following items are from the personal papers of John Henry Strong which are in the possession of Mrs. Sarah R. Bradford of Savannah, Georgia

(1)

(On envelope) Note from Mr. Jno. Chambers of Dublin - son of the late John Chambers Esq. of White Street, New York

(Note with the letter) Any of the following (if living) in New York will recognize my recommendation: Wheaton Braddish Esq. M. Buchanan, Late British Consul, New York Jno. Camphelle Esq. a paper merchant. M. Dodge, successor to Wheaton Braddish Mr. Persse

(Letter itself)

Dublin

3 Oct. 1849

I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Jno. Strong, the gentleman who holds this, for upwards of thirty years - during this lengthened period he has carried himself in a manner to commend him to the regard of his friends in this country. I have no doubt in whatever position he may be placed, his friendly assistance, in America his conduct will entitle him to the esteem of all with whom he may be associated --a victim like many others, to the dislocation of all farming interests in this afflicted land, Mr. Strong after the loss of his farms embraced an employment upon some of our Railroads, and these undertakings comp. to a finish --and the field for active exertion (?) seeming daily to become more contracted in commercial life. He is constrained to try in other lands to make a settlement for himself and family. Any person who will kindly direct Mr. Strong to an eligible employment will be serving a deserving character.

J. Chambers

(2)

Mount Shannon

Kilmainham

September 27, 1849

Dear Sir:

I beg leave through this medium to introduce to your notice the Bearer W. Strong whom I have no hesitation in recommending to you as a sober, intelligent, and trustworthy man who for a long period of time has been engaged on Railway works in Ireland in a general capacity. It will be a source of great satisfaction to me to learn that you will be so good as to do something for him, a favor for which I shall always feel thankful.

Works in general are at present in a depressed state in Ireland in which state they have been for a long time past, and I beg you will do me the favor

if not inconvenient to let me know what chances my exist to your knowledge of the success of a contractor in those parts. I have to conclude by expressing my very sincere wish that good fortune may always attend you in the land to which you have gone and

I remain Dear Sir Yours
W. Nicholl

Envelope addressed to Arthur S. Ormsby, Esq., C.E. Richmond, Virginia

(3)

Naturalization paper of John H. Strong

Wilkinson Sup. Court October Tenth 1857

It being shown to this Court that John H. Strong has heretofore filed his Declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States in conformity to the law, and that he has been a resident of the same for five years without having left the Territory of the same, during which time he has behaved himself as a man of good moral character, attached to the Constitution of the United States, and well disposed to the good order and happiness of the same, And the said John H. Strong having taken the oath of fealty and allegiance to the United States, It is ordered that the said John H. Strong be admitted a citizen of the United States and entitled to the privileges thereof and that a certified copy of this Judgement be furnished him by the Clerk of this Court.

October 10th, 1857

State of Georgia Wilkinson County.
I hereby certify that the above is a true
extract from the minutes of Wilkinson
Superior Court October 10th 1857.

(official seal of
County attached)

Given under my hand and seal at office
this Nov. 7th, 1857
(signed) George W. Tarseley Clk.
Sup. Court W.C.

(4)

Articles for school for the year 1856

Georgia
Wilkinson County
to wit:

Articles of agreement between John H. Strong of the
county and state aforesaid of the one part and we
the undersigners of the other part witnesseth that
the said J.H. Strong binds himself to teach a well

regulated school consisting of a good English Education at the New School
House near James Brannons, for the terms of ten scholastic months and to keep
good order in said school, for which we the undersubscribers promise to pay
John H. Strong or bearer the following rates of Tuition for each scholar
unesched to respective names, to wit for Spelling, Rading, writing and Arith-
metic one dollar per month and for Grammar and Geography 40 cents extra per
month in witness whereof the underscribers have hereunto set our hands, the
school to consist of two terms of five months each the first term to commence
on Tuesday the 5th day of January 1856 Dated this 17th day of November 1855.

Isaac P. Lindsey 3½ John Lindsey 1 Thomas Holder 1 James Lewis 5
James Brannon 3½ Willis Floodworth 2 Sav'h McConnell 1 Tho Davis 1

We have three school roll books that belonged to John H. Strong when he taught school (Friendship School, Wilkinson County, one un-identified school for years 1859-61; Clare Creek School 1862.) These three books contain a world of names and dates and records of Attendance. Perhaps the most interesting thing about them is the record kept of payments made by the parents for tuition. Many times this was paid in work or produce, of which a close record was kept. Below is one page, from the many, which will give an idea of the information contained in these three books: (Ranny Bradford)

Account of things got from my employers for the year 1857

Febr. 2		
Joseph Meadows	24 lbs of coffee at 14¢ lb	3.36
	22½ lbs of sugar	2.25
	2 barls. flour	10.50
	1 pr. shoes for Eliza	1.40
	2 pr. for children	1.40
	1 Dollar's worth of rice	1.00
Febr. 13	2½ lb tobacco at 37½	1.12
March 15	½ lb do; also sack of flour	5.25
June 8	2 lb butter	
July 4	4 lbs do	1.20
	Oct. 9 \$3.00 Cash	#.00
June 27		
W.P. John	10 Dollars	
August 17		
J. Meadows	9 lbs of wool	1.80
do	4 lbs of beef	.13
Sept. 9		
do	1 quarter beef 35 lbs.	1.72
Isaac Lindsey	Cash \$5.00	
Oct. 8		
do	Cash \$5.00	

Of all the miscellaneous effects of John H. Strong, the following is to me the most delightful possession that we have. It , as you will see, is a contract of deed. It is written on an old scrap of paper and scrawled and many times folded. (Ranny Bradford)

I Voluntary give to my nephew John William Strong my Cow known by the name of Redhead for his sole use and benefits.

Dated this first day of January (signed) William Stevens
Wilkinson Co. Ga. 1853

Atlanta July 15th 1870

Whereas a vacancy has occurred, and now exists in the office of Justice of the Peace for the 372nd Dist. G.M. Twiggs County, caused by the failure of voters in said district to hold an election

Now, therefore it is Ordered that John H. Strong of the County of Twiggs be, and he is hereby appointed a Justice of the Peace in and for said 372nd Dist. G.M. Twiggs County to fill the vacancy aforesaid and that he, the said John H. Strong, upon his having taken the oath of office, prescribed by law, be commissioned accordingly.

Given by my Hand and Seal of the Executive Department at the Capitol,
in Atlanta, the day and year written above.

(signed) RUFUS B. BULLOCH

THE NESBIT FAMILY

According to census records of Wilkinson County, Georgia Alexander Nesbit was born in South Carolina in 1797. When he came to Wilkinson I do not know, but his name is among those of the early members of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church which was organized in 1808. He married Olive Brewer and to them were born : Sam, Sarah, James, Elbert, and Susan. After the death of Olive - before 1850- he married Mrs. Nettie Brannon and had two children, Joe and Minerva. Minerva Nesbit married John Shepherd.

Sarah Nesbit married William Stevens, son of Isaac and Leatha Stevens.

Samuel Nesbit lived in Freestone County with his wife and son Thomas in 1880. Thomas was later killed by a horse.

Elbert Nesbit married Susannah Lindsey and died while serving in the Confederate army. Their son Alexander H. married Sarah Jane Johnston and had : Fleta Jane, (Mrs. J.E. Butler); Sarah Carol (Mrs. H.A. Cliett); and Edna Mae (Mrs. Victor Davidson), all of Wilkinson County.

Susan Nesbit married Raymond O'Neal and lived in Texas. They had two children, Tobe and Roxie. Roxie married Raymond Mobley and had two children - Kate, who married Uel Davis of Wortham, Texas, and Raymond Mobley of Butler, Freestone County, Texas. Roxie's second marriage was to her cousin Green Nesbit, son of Elbert Nesbit; who came out to Texas after he was a grown man. To them were born Ruth (Mrs. Holton of Wortham), Jewel (Mrs. Leland Winters of Houston) and Tom Nesbit of Butler.

Following is the will of Alexander Nesbitt:

State of Georgia
Wilkinson County

In the Name of God Amen

I, Alexander Nesbitt of said State and County being of advance age but of sound and disposing mind and memory Knowing that I must shortly depart this life deem it right and proper both as regards myself and family that I should make desposition of the property (not otherwise disposed of) with which a kind providence has blessed me with, I do therefore make this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all other heretofore made by me.

First, I desire and direct that my body be buried in a decent and Christian-like manner suitable to my circumstances in life. My soul I trust will return to meet with God who gave it as I hope for Salvation through the merrets and attainments of the blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Second. I desire and direct that all my just debts be paid as soon as practicable.

Third. I give to my dear wife Nettie Nesbitt her natural life the use and occupation rents and profits of all my lands adjoining the Homestead and known as the plantation on which I now live with all

its members and appertenances as together the use of all my stock crops and all personal property that I may die possessed. And at her death to go to and be equally divided among my children Samuel Nesbitt, Sarah Stevens, James Nesbitt, Susan O'Neal, share and share alike.

I hereby appoint and constitute my wife Nettie Nesbitt and E. Cumming my executors to this my last will and testament.

Alexander Nesbitt (L.S.)

Signed, Sealed declared and published by Alexander Nesbitt as his last will and testament in the presents of the undersigned who subscribed our names hereto in the presence of said Testator at his special request and wishes and in the presence of each other.
October 31, 1865.

C.M. Roberts
Thomas Hooks
John D. Hicks

(Minutes of Court of Ordinary, Wilkinson County, Georgia. 1858-66, pp 324-5)

Nettie Brannon Nesbitt out-lived all but one of her step-children. Sarah Nesbitt Stevens died thinking that her father had dis-inherited her. None of her children ever received any of her share of their grandfather's property - they, too, died thinking they had been dis-owned by their grandfather.

Jane Nesbit, sister of Alexander Nesbitt, was born in 1813 and died in 1861. She married Churchwell Gorman who was born in 1811 and died March 8, 1869. They are buried in the Mays Cemetery east of Butler community in Freestone County, Texas. Their son Will married Lura Mobley. After her death he married Minnie _____. Mrs. Eva Ward of Oakwood, Texas, Mrs. Ethel Lansdale of Oakwood, and Mrs. Daisy (Lester- Tex-) Colbert of Detroit, Michigan are daughters of Will Gorman. His two sons were Mobley, who was killed during World War I, and Sam.

Mary Jane Gorman, daughter of Churchwell and Jane(Nesbit) Gorman was the second wife of Hillary Manning. Their daughter Mary married Dr. Edwin Link of Palestine, Texas.

THE BREWER FAMILY

The father of Olive Brewer Nesbitt was Samuel Brewer who moved from Georgia to Louisiana. Family tradition says he sold his lands there and went to Texas to buy. He was killed by a man who had followed him all the way from Louisiana to rob him - but Samuel Brewer had already paid his money for land. His family did not know what had happened until many years after the court house where he had recorded the deeds had been burned - so they never were able to prove ownership.

In 1880 a son and a daughter of Samuel Brewer were living near Jewett, Texas. The Federal Census gives William Brewer's age as 73, his sister Sally's as 80, and his wife's as 73. William and Sally were born in Georgia and their parents

in North Carolina. According to Mrs. Alletheia Jane (Stevens) Hooks, great-niece of Billy Brewer, he and his wife Lucy had a son John, a daughter who married a Richards or Richardson, and a daughter whom she knew as Aunt "Puss" Clayton.

It looks as if this is the same family as that of Miss Lula Brewer who was a member of Kashita Chapter U.D.C. in Georgia when she gave the following record:

In 1825 John Samuel Brewer married Henrietta Slappy in Wilkerson County, Georgia. In 1835 he bought land in Muscogee, formerly Lee County.

Brothers and sisters of John (b. February 26, 1804) were : Olif- born June 29, 1798; Sarah- born October 1800; Eli- born 1802; Englis- born February 1806, William, James, and Sawnel.

Olif was the right age to have been Olive Nesbitt, Sarah was the exact age as the one in the 1880 census, and William of the 1880 census would have been born in 1807 if his age was given correctly. I would like very much to have further proof of this family.

KINFOLK

Each one brings with him to earth
Some fixed kinship of his birth -
Willing or unwilling, owns
Patterns from preceding bones,
Blood whose type is set within
Its periphery of skin.

Yet is each, life-wandering,
Orphaned, half-remembering,
Hunting under noteless skies
Features he would recognize,
Coming on quick hints and traces
In the most unlikely places.

Virginia Miney

It is indeed a desirable thing to be well-descended,
but the glory belongs to our ancestors !

Plutarch

WILL OF JOHN STEVENS

Georgia
Wilkinson County

In the name of God Amen, I John Stevens of the county and state aforesaid being in feeble health but of sound mind and memory the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death do make and publish and declare this to be my last will and testament and hereby revoke all others and former wills by me made of (sic) any or all substance in bequests First I bequeath my soul to God who gave it and my body to the dust from whence it emanated as I trust through the atoning merits of Jesus Christ to rest from all my toils and excruciating pangs after I make my exit from time.

2nd I request that my body be suitably and decently interred and all my burial expenses be paid off.

3rd I give and bequeath to my beloved wife lot of land No. 261- two hundred and sixty one - during her natural life or widowhood after which time to descend to my beloved son Bartlett Stephens. I also give and bequeath to my beloved wife two choice cows and calves one sow and pigs of her own choosing from my stock also one work nag.

4th I give and bequeath to my beloved son-in-law Thomas Allen the sum of five dollars.

5th I give and bequeath to my beloved son-in-law John Garrott the sum of Three hundred and fifty dollars.

6th I give and bequeath to my beloved daughters Rebecca and Leathy (twins) one hundred dollars each in addition to the land I have already deeded them.

7th I give to my dear son John Stephens the sum of fifty dollars.

8th I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Polly Stephens lot of land No. 272 two hundred and seventy two or all that lying on the northeast side of Commissioner's Creek also one hundred and fifty dollars. I hereby appoint my son Isaac Stephens my sole and entire executor for the management and distribution of my estate as herein directed I further request and direct him to sell as soon as would be compatible (sic) with the interest of my estate to sell to the highest bidder on my premises all my stock consisting of hogs cattle horses sheep - also my shop tools to raise money to pay off according to my herein contained distribution my red dy (sic) money also to be (illegible) in for the same purpose. I also request him to give and distribute to each child a bed and furniture (I.E.) those murrad (sic) at this date March 25, 1849 and the residue of my tools and plunder of other sorts to be sold for the above described purpose in so much as my family will not absolutely need on the place. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty-sixth day of March 1849. Signed sealed and made uttered and declared in the presence of

Seborn D. Reese
Joseph M. Lord
Luke G. Weeks

John Stephens

This will of John Stevens was probated in the Court, May 1849, and the first settlement was the payment to John Stevens of fifty dollars on May 19, 1849. Other settlements were made through 1852.

The Federal Census of 1840 gives John Stevens with: Males- 1 (5-10), 1 (10-15), 1 (15-20), 1 (40-50) ; Females - 1 -(-5), 3 (5-10), 1 (10-15), 1 (15-20), and 1 (50-60).

The 1850 census lists in one household: Elizabeth Stevens- 60; Letha- 19; Nancy 16; Mary 15; Rebecca- 19; John Garrett-25, his wife Gracey- 24; and baby Keziah- 2. According to this record, all these folk were born in Georgia. Elizabeth Allen- 26 - was also in the household.

I have not been able to place this John Stevens in our family. That he was closely connected with Isaac and Lethy (Womack) Stevens is evidenced by the names of his children. My conclusion is that he was either Isaac's oldest son or he was the son of Isaac's brother James whose family I have not traced.

Since he was not fifty years old in 1840, it is quite obvious that he was NOT a Revolutionary soldier, although a DAR marker has been placed at his grave, giving his death date as 1851. The John Stevens who died in 1851 --leaving only one heir, Mary --is the eighty-two year old man who was living with Wiley and Mary Stevens in 1850.

UNITED STATES CENSUS RECORDS

Wilkinson County

1820

Stevens, Isaac - Males- 2 (5-10), 1 (26-45)
Females- 1 (5-10), 1 (15-26), 1 (26-45)

1830

Stevens, Isaac - Males - 1 (5-10), 1 (15-20), 1 (20-30), 1 (40-50), 1(10-15)
Females - 1 (40-50)

1840

Stevens, Isaac - Males - 1 (5-10), 1 (15-20), 1 (60-70)
Females- 1 (60-70)

1850

Stevens, Isaac-	71	N.C.	Stevens, Bartlett	62	N.C.
Letha-	71	N.C.	Elizabeth	41	
			William	14	
Stevens, William-	41	Ga.	Elizabeth	10	
Sarah	27	"	Mary	8	
Manervy E.	11	"	Bartley	5	
Letha J	10	"			
Alexander	9	"	Stevens, James	37	
Missouri	7	"	Eliza	34	
Netty	6	"	Sinai	13	
Susan	3	"	Rebecca	11	
William	1	"	Letha	11	
			Louizar	7	
Stevens, Isaac	28		Isaac	6	
Eliza	27		Wm.	5	
James	3		Louisiana	3	
Frances	2		Joseph	4	

Charlie Fountain Bloodworth (Mrs. Thomas Edwin Bloodworth)
Excerpt from History of Wilkinson County - Davidson

'From the Fontaine Family, by Edward C. Meade, Albermarle E. Va.-Rich. Times-Dispatch, August 9, 1903, we have the following:

"The original name 'Fountain' was evidently one of location; that is Jean de-la-Fontainer or John of the Fountain, living, as is supposed, near some noted fountain in the province; but the 'de-la' is a sign of nobility, so we find him in the King's service during the reigns of Francis I. Henry II and Frances II, until Charles IX, when he reigned. The de-la was retained until about 1633, when it was dropped by his grandson, James, from motives of humility, under the persecution.

"This Jean de-la Fontaine had two sons, James and Abraham; James died in 1633, leaving a son, James, born in 1628, who also left a son, James, born in 1658, and lived at Jonenville, France. This James (born 1658) became a Protestant preacher and, being persecuted for his faith, escaped from France in 1685. He married in 1686 Elizabeth Boursignot and settled in Bridgewater, England, but eventually moved to Dublin, Ireland, where he died. James Fontaine left six sons: James, Aaron, Peter, Moses, Francis and John, and two daughters, Mary Ann (or Molly) and Elizabeth.

"The sons were seemingly of a roving disposition. James, the oldest, with his wife and child, emigrated to Virginia in 1717, settling in Henrico County. Aaron died in Ireland in 1699. Peter graduated in law in 1711, but was ordained as a minister in London in 1715, emigrated with his wife to Virginia in 1716. Moses became an engraver and settled in London. Francis also became a minister and emigrated with his wife about 1719, settling in King William County, Virginia. John, the youngest of the children, was the first to come to the new world. He landed in Massachusetts in 1714, and visited the country as far as Virginia. He then returned to England.

"The Rev. Peter Fontaine had seven children: Peter, Moses, Sarah, Elizabeth, Joseph, Aaron, and a daughter who married a Winston. It is from these Fontaines that the Fountains of North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia are descended. The Fontaines -- Fontaines have ever manifested a love for learning and culture and many of the men hold high rank in the professional world. They are characterized by a deep sense of religious tendency, and a love for liberty and justice.

"The Arms of the de-la Fontaine family as brought over by Rev. Peter Fontaine are the same as found in the Herald's College, England, which are ornate and described as follows: 'Argent, a fesse embattled between two elephants' heads, raised with tusks depressed in Chief; in base three masted ship, with sails and pennant spread. The crest is an elephant's head, raised, with tusks depressed'."

Among the pioneer families of Wilkinson County were Fountain, Garrett and Knight. The first by the name of Fountain in said county was Israel. The earliest official record we have of him is his witnessing a deed for land lot 241 in Wilkinson County, Georgia (said lot now owned by the Allen family) in 1816, between Ethelred Fountain of Jefferson and David Ingram. It is interesting to note that three years previously Ethelred Fountain and Ellenor Ingram had been married in Jefferson County. We presume that the thoughtful husband bought the aforesaid farm from his father-in-law and brought his homesick wife back to live. Israel

Fountain was born about 1775. He married Delphia (called Welthy) Watkins (see later Watkins connections), and they lived for a time in South Carolina. The first of their children was born there. In about 1799, they came into the wilds of Georgia, bringing with them the story of Israel's descent from the French Huguenot Fontaines who were refugees into the colony of Virginia, thence into North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. In the early history of the family was one Jacques, who was very distinguished, and whose memory is revered to this day by the descendants.

In one branch of the family in North Carolina there were two sons, Francis and John. It was the custom of Francis Fontaine (Fountain) to keep a diary, and in 1754 there appears this entry: "John has married and we learn that he has married well." An interesting bit of information but about all that has been learned of John and his marriage - not even the name of his spouse. We have reason to believe, however, that John, brother of Francis, was the father of Israel Fountain of Wilkinson County, Georgia.

Originally the name was "Fontaine" but after coming to America the Anglicised form "Fountain" was frequently used. An example of this variability may be found in the family record of one Aaron "Fontaine". The form "Fountain" appears six times in the eleven recorded. The following is quoted from "The Douglas Register of Virginia", page 195:

"(Record of Aaron Fontaine's Family).

Mrs. Barbara Tyrel, Mrs. Fountain was born Sept. 3, 1756.

Mr. Aaron Fontaine was born Nov. 30, 1753, and married May 19, 1773 P.144.

Register of Mr. Aaron Fountain and Barbara Tyrell, their children and family, Jan. 12, 1797.

Peter, born Dec. 15, 1774.

James Tyrel, Nov. 19, 1776.

Mary Anne, born Oct. 14, 1778.

Elisabeth, born Sept. 5, 1780.

Matilda, born Sept. 13, 1782.

Patsy Minor, Mar. 14, 1785.

Sallie Sarah, Mar. 17, 1787.

Mariah, Feb. 16, 1789.

America, Mar. 10, 1791.

Will Maury, Jan. 16, 1793.

Barbara Ker, Dec. 25, 1794.

Ann Overton, Apr. 19, 1796, P. 144.

"Aaron Fontaine and Barbara Terril, Patsy Minor Mar. 14, 1785, Baptised Apr. 16, 1785, P. 144.

"Aaron Fountain and Barbara Terrill, a child Sarah, Mar. 17, 1787, Baptised Mar. 30, 1787, P. 118.

"Aaron Fountain and Patsy Tyrril, a child Mariah, Feb. 16, 1789, Baptised Mar. 29, 1789, P. 122.

"Aaron Fontaine and Barbara Terrell his wife and son born 16 January 1793, William Maury Fontaine, Baptised 1793, Mch. 19. P. 127.

"Aaron Fountain and Barbara Terrill, a child Barbarah Carr, Born 25 Dec. 1794, Baptised Mar. 5, 1795, P. 127.

"Aaron Fountain and Barbarah Tyrril a daughter, Ann Overton, born Apr. 19, 1796, Baptised June 3, 1796, P. 127.

In the Court records of Wilkinson County one hundred and fifty years later we find I. J. Fountain, a grandson of Israel Fountain, giving his official signature "Fontaine" and "Fountain" as he chanced to write it.

Israel Fountain and his wife "Welthy", settled near Gordon, more importantly known at that time as Ramah Church. When Israel established his home in Wilkinson County he also built his school house. This location is marked now by a lone mulberry tree and a pile of bricks. He planted his orchards, cleared his fields and acquired enough land to give a large plantation to each of his children as they married -- and there were many portions to be given.

Tradition says that Israel had sixteen children. If this is true, several must have died young, as his will (and records of Ramah Church) mentions only the names of eleven.

Israel and Ethelred lived in the same community. When quite old they were spoken of in whispers by the great-grandchildren (several of whom are now living) as "Miserable" and "Dreadful" because of their very severe, austere religious views which equalled those of our Puritan fathers.

Israel, his wife, "Welthy" and several of his children belonged to Ramah Church, one of the first Baptist Churches of Georgia. Israel died at the age of 92. His widow remained in the home until her death, which occurred shortly after the close of the war, at the age of 104 years. (The house and plantation now belong to a great grandson, Lewis Fountain). "Welthy" was not alone in her old age. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren eagerly took turns in staying with her. Very few of the children are living today. But sweet memories of "Grannie's" enchanting apple orchard, her well-kept house, delicious cooking and gracious kindness, brighten their lengthening days.

The children of Israel Fountain and his wife, Delphia Watkins, were: Daughters- 1. Keziah, 2. Elizabeth, 3. Hesikah, 4. Mary, 5. Sabrina; Sons- 6. William, 7. James, 8. Job, 9. Jackson, 10. Lewis and 11. Mitchell.

1. Keziah Fountain was born in 1799 in South Carolina and was married to Jacob Garrett in 1820 in Wilkinson County, Ga. (see Garrett family).

2. Elizabeth Fountain married Bartley Stevens and their children were James, Eliza, William, Mitchell, Mary Elizabeth, and Bartley Israel Stevens. James Stevens married Elizabeth Lyster (sister of Thomas Lyster, who was second husband of Sabrina (Fountain) Batchellar. James Stevens and wife, Elizabeth Lyster, had nine children, Margaret Elizabeth (paco), Sarah Jane, William, Thomas, Bartley, Lewis, Mary Anna, and Martha Caldonia.

3. Hesekiah (or whatever that almost illegible name may be) evidently married a Darden (from Ramah Church Roll). Her children were William, Bartlett, Elizabeth and Mary.

4. Mary (Polly) Fountain married (1) a Kalus and (2) James Webb. There were children by both marriages, but we have the name of only one, Priscilla Webb.

5. Sabrina, the youngest of the children of Israel and Delphia (Watkins) Fountain, was born in 1820. She married (1) John Batchellar; their children were John, Richard and Sarah Batchellar. Her (2) marriage was to Thomas Lyster.

Names of Lyster children not traced.

6. William Fountain married Elizabeth Sudd.

7. James Fountain (born Jan. 8, 1799 and died Aug. 12, 1863) married (1) a Miss McCarty and had several children (of this group was William T., who married Gancy and they had 7 children, James, William C., Lillie, Lugenia, Charlie Henry born Jan. 4, 1866, d. Jun. 30, '45, married Mary Anne Elizabeth Davis Dec. 16, 1896 whose children were 1. still-born, 2. Mary Eliza 28 Feb. 1901; Charlie Lineta 21 Sept. 1903; Dixie Loucail, 27 June 1905; Janie Elizabeth 9 Oct. 1907; James Davis born 13 Oct. 1910 who married Phyllis Vraye Pace 9 July 1935 and their children are James Davis born 8 Apr. 1937; Phillip Alan born 2 Sept. 1946 and Stephen Jackson born 2 Feb. 1948 who died in 8 hours). James Fountain's second wife was (2) Bethel Land (Bethel) Jones, and it is through this marriage that the distinguished Judge Rigsby of Cairo, Georgia is connected with the Fountain family. James Fountain and many of his descendants are buried at Ramah Church.

8. Job Fountain, not traced.

9. Jackson Fountain married Rebecca Patchell and they had several children.

10. Lewis Fountain married Elizabeth Hickren and had several children. Some of the descendants live at Sycamore, Georgia.

11. Mitchell Watkins Fountain married (1) a Miss Pattisall (2) Mary Hannah Patterson, by this second marriage he had seven children: William Oscar, Lewis Jerusha, Malonaga Wilson, Martha Caroline, Mary Elizabeth, Columbus and Ivy Ann Sabrina. Of these, Lewis J. Fountain married (1) Blanche Fountain, and they had three children. He married (2) Martha or "Mattie" Patterson, a descendant of Thomas McGinty, Henry Castleberry and Benjamin Cooper, pioneer settlers of Wilkinson County. Rose, daughter of Lewis J. Fountain, married Thomas Dennard and they have a daughter.

With the exception of Keziah, wife of Enoch Garrett, and Lewis Fountain, both of whom moved to Taylor County, Georgia, about 1847, these children married and settled in Wilkinson County not far distant from the old home. Today their descendants are scattered over the entire United States, but many still remain as good citizens of their native county.

Israel Fountain is buried in Ramah Church yard and Delphia, his wife, is buried in the Fountain Cemetery about two miles from Gordon.

As the South grows older, it treasures these fragments of information concerning its first staunch settlers, and so we add a thread to this tapestry of the past woven of fact and bits of folklore -- the history of the Georgia branch of the Fountains - Fontaines.

(The Fountain data was prepared and sent in by Eugenia Smith after the rest of the material had been printed.)

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